

No. R-131. House concurrent resolution honoring Richard A. Fletcher of Putney for his health care career achievements and civic leadership.

(H.C.R.101)

Offered by: Representatives Hebert of Vernon, Deen of Westminster, and Mrowicki of Putney

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, Richard Fletcher is a pioneering Vermont nurse practitioner, and

Whereas, originally from Quincy, Massachusetts, his attachment to northern New England developed while camping and hiking in the region, and

Whereas, in 1979, he earned his registered nurse certification from the former New England Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing in Boston, and

Whereas, following a year at Mary Hitchcock Hospital in Hanover, he and his wife, Gail, moved to Montana where he was employed as a flight nurse and earned a bachelor's degree in nursing at Montana State University, and

Whereas, Richard Fletcher advanced his nursing education at the University of Virginia School of Nursing, earning a master's degree, with a focus on rural community health, and completing the family nurse practitioner program, and

Whereas, in 1986, the Fletchers returned to northern New England as Richard became a nurse practitioner at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, and

Whereas, Richard Fletcher held various full- and part-time positions at rescue and urgent care health centers in both New Hampshire and Vermont, and in 1996, he became the owner of the Putney Medical Office-Practice (known as Putney Family Healthcare since 2011), and

Whereas, educating both health care volunteers and professionals has been a prime concern for Richard Fletcher, and he has taught courses for community organizations, been associated with a number of higher education institutions, and since 2001 served as an adjunct clinical professor at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College, and

Whereas, his professional leadership roles have included the presidency of the Vermont Nurse Practitioner Association and representing Vermont in national nursing organizations, and

Whereas, in Putney, Richard Fletcher has served on the school board, as the health officer, and as an elder at the Genesis Church of the Brethren, and

Whereas, Richard Fletcher is concluding his distinguished health care career and looks forward to spending more time with his family, including his wife, three daughters, and four grandsons, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Richard A. Fletcher for his professional health care career achievements and civic leadership, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Richard Fletcher.