

Chrissy:

Bob Backus looks forward to his 8:30 am testimony to Senator Ayer's Committee Wednesday morning. Here is some background on Dr. Backus for the Committee. He is a much loved primary care provider and has been on several "blue ribbon" committees over the years.

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Robert Wolcott Backus Resolution

- Grew up in California, graduated from the University of Nevada in 1963.
- Served in the Amazon with the Peace Corps, first as a volunteer and then as a program director.
- Graduated from the University of Vermont College of Medicine in 1976, then completed a year of general rotating internship in Australia and selected for a year in pediatrics at the prestigious Adelaide Children's Hospital.
- Completed his residency in family medicine at the University of Vermont.
- Opened his full-time practice in Townshend in 1980 and became an employee of Grace Cottage.
- In 1981, he became a Fellow in the American Academy of Family Practice and founded the Vermont Chapter's family practice newsletter.
- Awarded the Family Physician of the Year Award by the Vermont Academy of Family Physicians in 1995.
- Awarded the Service to Medicine and Community Award by the University of Vermont Medical Alumni Association in 1997. The Award stated "Embodying the best of inclusive and personal care, you have labored selflessly, dedicating untold hours to the welfare of your patients and community. The people of the West River Valley know you not only as a gentle and kind physician, but one with uncanny and up-to-date clinical skills."
- Faculty member for the University of Vermont Department of Family Medicine.
- Served on the Grace Cottage Hospital/Carlos G. Otis Health Care Center Board for decades, for many years as its President.
- A former Board member of: the New England Organ Bank, the Vermont Academy of Family Physicians, the Brattleboro Retreat, former Chairman of the Amazon Africa Aid organization.
- Father of Jenny, Carey, Sophie; husband of Carol.
- Devoted patients, too numerous to count; he's cared selflessly for multiple generations of families in the West River Valley and beyond.
- An avid member of the West River Valley Chorus and the men's basketball Sunday night league at the local high school.

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