

No. R-309. Senate concurrent resolution honoring University of Vermont Medical Center and University of Vermont pediatrician extraordinaire Dr. Lewis R. First.

(S.C.R.10)

Offered by Senators Lyons, Baruth, Brennan, Chittenden, Gulick, Mattos, Ram Hinsdale, and Vyhovsky,

Offered by Representatives Houghton of Essex Junction, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Berbeco of Winooski, Bishop of Colchester, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Brady of Williston, Brown of Richmond, Burkhardt of South Burlington, Cina of Burlington, Critchlow of Colchester, Dodge of Essex, Dolgin of St. Johnsbury, Duke of Burlington, Garofano of Essex, Graning of Jericho, Headrick of Burlington, Kleppner of Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, Krowinski of Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, LaLonde of South Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Minier of South Burlington, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Pezzo of Colchester, Pouech of Hinesburg, Rachelson of Burlington, Squirrell of Underhill, Steady of Milton, Stevens of Waterbury, Stone of Burlington, Sweeney of Shelburne, Tomlinson of Winooski, Waters Evans of Charlotte, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, one of the most respected academic and hospital chief pediatricians in the United States is Dr. Lewis First, and

Whereas, as a magna cum laude biochemical sciences graduate of Harvard College, the holder of an M.D. degree from Harvard Medical School, the recipient of a master's degree in epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health, and a former chief pediatrics resident at the world-renowned Boston Children's Hospital, Dr. First has impeccable professional credentials, and

Whereas, since 1994, he has chaired the pediatrics department at the Robert Larner, M.D. College of Medicine (the Larner College of Medicine) at the University of Vermont (UVM), which is the longest tenure of any medical school pediatrics chair in the nation, and, since 1995, Dr. First has also been Golisano Children's Hospital at UVM Health's chief of pediatrics, and

Whereas, under his dual leadership roles, pediatrics at both medical institutions is considered state of the art and child and family focused, and has garnered national and international recognition, and

Whereas, not only is Dr. First an outstanding administrator, clinician, and teacher, he is an admired scholar of pediatric medicine, and, for 16-plus years, he served as editor-in-chief of the peer-reviewed medical journal *Pediatrics*, and

Whereas, his healthcare outreach has extended beyond students, patients, fellow physicians, and scientists with his weekly *First with Kids* video and radio series, and

Whereas, Dr. First is the recipient of many honors, including the UVM Alumni Association's George V. Kidder Outstanding Faculty Award, the Larner College of Medicine's Distinguished Educator Award, and the Vermont Medical Society's Distinguished Service Award, and he was in the first cohort of the National Academy of Distinguished Educators in Pediatrics, and

Whereas, he is now concluding his most praiseworthy career, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors University of Vermont Medical Center and University of Vermont pediatrician extraordinaire Dr. Lewis R. First, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. Lewis First, the Larner College of Medicine, and Golisano Children's Hospital.