

No. R-22. House concurrent resolution congratulating retired Orleans County physician Dr. Frank Fiermonte on his 90th birthday.

(H.C.R.10)

Offered by: Representatives Kilmartin of Newport City, Batchelor of Derby, Higley of Lowell, Lewis of Derby, Marcotte of Coventry, Strong of Albany, Young of Albany and Pearson of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Illuzzi and Starr

Whereas, the era of “country doctors,” the fearless general practitioners who traveled across broad geographic areas and regularly battled challenging winters and mud-season roads to reach patients’ homes, has largely passed into Vermont’s history, and

Whereas, a wonderful example of these much-revered rural medical doctors is Dr. Frank Fiermonte who, from his Derby office, served patients in Orleans and Essex Counties and in nearby Quebec, and

Whereas, the time on the clock was an irrelevant factor for Dr. Frank Fiermonte, who responded to requests for medical assessment and assistance on a round-the-clock basis, and

Whereas, it was not unheard-of for him to charge only his standard single-patient house-call fee when visiting a home where multiple family members were ill, and

Whereas, in return, patients and their neighbors would not infrequently assist the good doctor if the deep wintry snow or muddy roads temporarily immobilized his car, and

Whereas, the Fiermonte medical practice was truly a team effort and not merely an individual enterprise as with his wife, an extremely competent nurse,

Dr. Fiermonte would visit area schools to administer vaccinations and provide check-ups for the students, and

Whereas, now retired after decades of impeccable medical good deeds, Dr. Frank Fiermonte is residing in Venice, Florida, where he and his wife enjoy seeing friends who visit from Vermont, and

Whereas, January 7, 2010 marks Dr. Frank Fiermonte's 90th birthday, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates retired Orleans County physician Dr. Frank Fiermonte on his 90th birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. Frank Fiermonte in Venice, Florida.