

**No. R-94. House concurrent resolution congratulating The Pharmacy in Bennington and its founding pharmacists, Philip J. O'Neill and Edward P. Molloy, on the retailer's 50th anniversary.**

(H.C.R.76)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Bates of Bennington, Brownell of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Carroll of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, James of Manchester, and Sullivan of Dorset

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, independent pharmacies are becoming increasingly rare, and

Whereas, Philip J. O'Neill and Edward P. Molloy both earned their bachelor's degrees in pharmaceutical sciences from the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Albany, New York, and

Whereas, on February 3, 1969, they entered the world of entrepreneurship and opened The Pharmacy in Bennington, an independently owned and community-based retail pharmacy, operating seven days a week, and

Whereas, The Pharmacy's geographic coverage encompasses portions of Vermont, Massachusetts, and New York, and

Whereas, during the past half century, The Pharmacy has served over 109,000 customers and filled more than 4,520,000 prescriptions, and its staff has tallied 2,700,000 miles delivering medications to customers, and

Whereas, as a pharmacy preceptor, The Pharmacy has mentored over a dozen pharmacy students, who were studying to enter the profession, and

Whereas, The Pharmacy achieved the distinct honor of being the first Vermont pharmacy to be awarded the coveted designation of Fellow of the American College of Apothecaries, and

Whereas, on multiple occasions, The Pharmacy has won the People's Choice Award for Outstanding Pharmacy in the Bennington area, and

Whereas, The Pharmacy has provided financial support to many worthy nonprofit organizations, and

Whereas, The Pharmacy's financial generosity was an important factor in both Philip O'Neill and Edward Molloy receiving the Bowl of Hygeia Award in recognition of their outstanding records of exemplary community and civic leadership, and

Whereas, The Pharmacy Northshire is the retailer's branch store in Manchester, and

Whereas, Edward Molloy retired in 2013, but Philip O'Neill remains an active pharmacist who operates The Pharmacy with the support of a great professional and administrative staff, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates The Pharmacy in Bennington and its founding pharmacists, Philip J. O'Neill and Edward P. Molloy, on the retailer's 50th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to The Pharmacy and to Philip O'Neill and Edward Molloy.