

**No. R-154. House concurrent resolution welcoming to the state house the Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders.**

(H.C.R.109)

Offered by: Representatives French of Randolph, Acinapura of Brandon, Adams of Hartland, Ainsworth of Royalton, Ancel of Calais, Andrews of Rutland City, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Audette of South Burlington, Baker of West Rutland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Bray of New Haven, Brennan of Colchester, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Clark of Vergennes, Clarkson of Woodstock, Clerkin of Hartford, Condon of Colchester, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Courcelle of Rutland City, Crawford of Burke, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donaghy of Poultney, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Edwards of Brattleboro, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Fisher of Lincoln, Flory of Pittsford, Frank of Underhill, French of Shrewsbury, Geier of South Burlington, Gilbert of Fairfax, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Helm of Castleton, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Howard of Rutland City, Howrigan of Fairfield, Hube of Londonderry, Hubert of Milton, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Johnson of Canaan, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kilmartin of Newport City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town, Komline of Dorset, Krawczyk of Bennington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Larson of Burlington, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lewis of Derby, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Maier of Middlebury, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McAllister of Highgate, McCullough of Williston, McDonald of Berlin, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Milkey of Brattleboro, Miller of Shaftsbury, Minter of Waterbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Morley of Barton, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, Nease of Johnson, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Obuchowski of Rockingham, O'Donnell of Vernon, Orr of Charlotte, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Peaslee of Guildhall, Pellett of Chester, Peltz of Woodbury, Perley of Enosburg, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Rodgers of Glover, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shand of Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Smith of Mendon, South of St. Johnsbury, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Till of

Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of Randolph, Trombley of Grand Isle, Turner of Milton, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Westman of Cambridge, Weston of Burlington, Wheeler of Derby, Wilson of Manchester, Winters of Williamstown, Wizowaty of Burlington, Wright of Burlington, Young of St. Albans City, Zenie of Colchester and Zuckerman of Burlington

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease (AD) is the leading cause of dementia, a disorder that gradually destroys a person's memory and ability to learn, reason, make judgments, communicate, and perform daily activities, and

Whereas, this disease has no single known cause, but the greatest known risk factors for late onset (after age 65) are increasing age and family history, and

Whereas, the course and progression of the disease depend on the afflicted individual, but on average, a person lives for eight to 10 years after an initial diagnosis, although an individual can live with the disease for as many as 20 years, and

Whereas, one in 10 persons over age 65 and nearly one-half of those over age 85 are victims of this dreaded disease, and

Whereas, based on Census 2000 data, 11,000 Vermonters have Alzheimer's disease, and

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease costs American businesses \$61 billion on an annual basis, and the average lifetime care for an individual with AD is \$174,000.00, and

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is a tragic disease that can deprive individuals of decades of meaningful living, and

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is not only a tragedy for the individual victims, but it places an enormous and difficult burden both emotionally and physically on their families, and

Whereas, while a cure for Alzheimer's disease is not on the immediate medical horizon, research efforts to assist in finding a cure and programs to alleviate the problems associated with Alzheimer's disease are a major priority for medical researchers, and

Whereas, in Vermont, the General Assembly has established the Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders to "advise state agencies on matters of state policy relating to Alzheimer's disease and other dementia-related disorders," and

Whereas, the commission's activities have been of great assistance to both AD victims and their families, and

Whereas, the commission's members are visiting the State House today, April 17, 2009, to inform legislators concerning the commission's activities, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly welcomes to the State House the members of the Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders and congratulates them for their dedication to assisting victims and families of victims of Alzheimer's disease and other dementia-related disorders, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders.