

No. R-487. House concurrent resolution honoring Dr. William Pendlebury, cofounder of The Memory Center at Fletcher Allen Health Care.

(H.C.R.376)

Offered by: Representative French of Randolph

Offered by: Senator Brock

Whereas, Alzheimer's is a disease that deprives individuals of their life's memories, and medical scientists continue to conduct research in hope of discovering preventative measures and a cure for those already afflicted, and

Whereas, one of the leading experts in this country on aging-related memory loss is Dr. William Pendlebury, a cofounder in 1991 of The Memory Center at Fletcher Allen Health Care, and

Whereas, the original staff at the center included Janis Peyser, PhD, Dr. Antonio Gomez, Dr. Paul Newhouse, Dr. William Tisdale, Dr. Richard Tonino, and Nancy Resi, R.N., and

Whereas, the Memory Center with its current staff of one physician, two neuropsychologists, two nurse practitioners, one social worker, one psychometrist, and an office manager offers comprehensive care, including initial diagnosis of Alzheimer's or other memory-related illness, longitudinal care with treatment plans, patient monitoring, and patient participation in research studies that may lead to new drug therapies, and

Whereas, Dr. William Pendlebury jokingly refers to his own age as past the 22nd anniversary of his 39th birthday in deference to the fact that age-related memory loss begins at 40, and

Whereas, he graduated from Brown University, earned his medical degree at the University of Vermont (UVM), interned and served in the public health service in Colorado, and then returned to UVM where he completed a residency in neurology and a fellowship in neuropathology, and

Whereas, Dr. William Pendlebury joined the UVM faculty in 1984, was granted tenure in 1990, and was named full professor in 1995, and

Whereas, aside from his work at The Memory Center, Dr. William Pendlebury serves as director of the UVM Center on Aging and as medical director of elder care services at Fletcher Allen Health Care, and

Whereas, Dr. William Pendlebury is one of the nation's most respected authorities on aging and memory loss, and he regularly serves as an external reviewer of academic work in his field and as an ad hoc consultant for the National Institute on Aging, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Dr. William Pendlebury, cofounder of The Memory Center at Fletcher Allen Health Care, for his pioneering work to advance the understanding and treatment of Alzheimer's and other aging-related memory loss diseases, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. William Pendlebury.