

**No. R-102. House concurrent resolution honoring pharmacist, entrepreneur, and community leader Frank Buonincontro of Bristol.**

(H.C.R.84)

Offered by: Representatives Elder of Starksboro, Birong of Vergennes, Conlon of Cornwall, Cordes of Lincoln, Hooper of Randolph, Lanpher of Vergennes, Norris of Shoreham, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, and Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Bray and Hardy

Whereas, in 1974, New York City pharmacist Frank Buonincontro, a graduate of St. John's University, decided to relocate his family to Addison County, and

Whereas, initially, he was employed at the Rexall Pharmacy in Middlebury, and

Whereas, Frank Buonincontro left the Rexall Pharmacy to establish a pharmacy and medical supply service at Porter Hospital, and

Whereas, in 1980, he formed the Medicine Chest, a home-based business dedicated to sales to doctors and hospitals of reasonably priced medical supplies and equipment, and

Whereas, in 1988, Frank Buonincontro decided to open his own retail store, establishing the Marble Works Pharmacy in Middlebury's historic locale, and

Whereas, his entrepreneurial daring was evident, as, unlike in 2019, minimal commercial activity existed in the area, and

Whereas, the Marble Works Pharmacy evolved into a popular destination for the purchase of medications and associated products, especially because Frank Buonincontro offered his customers friendly and highly professional service, and they appreciated that the pharmacy was open on Sundays, and

Whereas, Marble Works Pharmacy's retailing success led Frank Buonincontro to open drugstores in Bristol and Vergennes, and

Whereas, for eight years, Frank Buonincontro cohosted the *Over the Counter* medical information radio show on Middlebury's WFAD, and

Whereas, he served on the boards of both Counseling Service of Addison County and Hospice Volunteer Services, volunteered with the Meals on Wheels organization, and flew his own Cessna 172 aircraft, and

Whereas, Frank Buonincontro and his wife, Sue, have been married for 56 years and are the parents of five and the grandparents of eight, and on Saturday, March 16, 2019, Frank Buonincontro is being honored at a celebration of hospice programs at the Middlebury Inn, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors pharmacist, entrepreneur, and community leader Frank Buonincontro of Bristol, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Frank Buonincontro and to each of the retail pharmacies he established.