

No. R-204. House concurrent resolution honoring Dr. David Winfield Butsch for a half century of meritorious medical, civic, and humanitarian leadership in central Vermont and internationally.

(H.C.R.150)

Offered by: Representatives Dolan of Waitsfield and Goslant of Northfield

Whereas, the mission of physicians is to heal their patients, and, for half a century, Dr. David (Dick) Butsch, a central Vermont surgeon, magnificently performed this role, and

Whereas, a Buffalo native, he graduated cum laude from Princeton University, earned his M.D. degree at Case Western Reserve School of Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio, and completed an internship and surgical residency in New York City at Roosevelt Hospital, and

Whereas, for his military service as a surgeon at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Da Nang, Vietnam (then known as South Vietnam), that country's government honored him for his dedication and great humanitarian deeds, and the U.S. Government awarded him a U.S. Presidential Commendation Medal, and

Whereas, in 1973, Dr. Dick Butsch arrived in central Vermont, along with his Roosevelt Hospital colleagues, Dr. David Angstreich and Dr. Bill Segal, to start a joint surgical practice, and

Whereas, professionally, aside from his many organizational memberships, he served as Vice Chair and Acting Chair of the Board of Medical Practice, as an American Medical Association Vermont delegate, and as a clinic instructor in surgery at the University of Vermont Medical School, and

Whereas, during his 15 years serving as the Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center President, Dr. Dick Butsch, himself an ice hockey player, was a primary advocate and leader in the successful effort to construct the Capital City's combined indoor ice skating rink and fieldhouse, and

Whereas, his humanitarianism inspired Dr. Dick Butsch to volunteer repeatedly for surgical missions in India, and

Whereas, this generous, thoughtful, and family-oriented Vermonter has concluded an extraordinary medical career and created an admirable record of community service, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Dr. David Winfield Butsch for a half century of meritorious medical, civic, and humanitarian leadership in central Vermont and internationally, and be it further

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