

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2009-4643, by Representative Williams

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State Legislature to recognize excellence in all fields of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Philip Vandeman exhibited true excellence throughout his personal, professional, and public life; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Philip Vandeman, born in 1915 in Dayton, Ohio, earned his medical degree from The Ohio State University, and served America in time of conflict by providing medical care for the wounded in the Second World War; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Philip Vandeman moved to Washington after the Second World War, and founded Olympia's first pediatric practice; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Philip Vandeman exhibited the highest levels of service during his lifetime through his medical work, including providing countless hours of invaluable medical care for adults and children, and improving the lives of thousands of children through his medical practice for over one-half century; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Philip Vandeman provided medical services through both his private practice and through the creation of the Mental Health Association of Thurston County, a nonprofit that offers counseling and substance abuse recovery programs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Philip Vandeman demonstrated exceptional generosity and commitment to bettering the lives of others through a loan in order to purchase property to house the Olympia Child Care Center, later forgiving this loan and making it a gift to the children of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Philip Vandeman continued to volunteer at the Olympia Child Care Center, including teaching children life skills such as gardening and bread-making; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Philip Vandeman was honored with the Gladys Burns Human Service Award in 2003 to recognize a lifetime of advocacy work for children; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Philip Vandeman never failed to give his time and talents and along with it hope and encouragement to all those who were injured, physically or mentally; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Philip Vandeman was deeply admired for his dedicated service to his family, friends, colleagues, patients, and community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Philip Vandeman represented the epitome of a well-rounded and dedicated physician, husband, father, and community leader;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Dr. Philip Vandeman for his years of service to children of Washington, his personal and professional integrity, his limitless dedication and generosity, and for his total commitment to improving the lives of others; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the family of Dr. Philip Vandeman.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4643 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 27, 2009

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk