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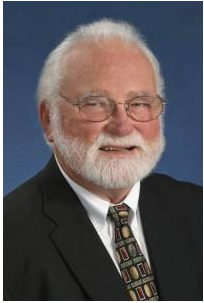
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Karl Peace commended by the Virginia General Assembly

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Karl E. Peace, PhD, has been commended by the Virginia General Assembly as “a prolific biostatistician and devoted educator, [who] has contributed immensely to his field and inspired countless students at the Medical College of Virginia (MCV/ VCU) and other universities to achieve greatness in science and medicine.”

Peace earned a Ph.D. from the Department of Biostatistics in 1976 while a tenured professor of mathematics at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA. For more than 30 years he has served the Department as adjunct or affiliate faculty. In addition to his service on the MCV Campus, Peace is the Georgia Cancer Coalition Distinguished Cancer Scholar, Senior Research Scientist and Professor of Biostatistics in the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health at Georgia Southern University. The college’s Center for Biostatistics and Survey Research bears his name, and he is the founder of the Biopharmaceutical Applied Statistics Symposium, now in its 21st year as well as the Journal of Biopharmaceutical Statistics, now in its 23rd year.

In recognition of his contributions, House of Delegates member Jennifer L. McClellan (D-Richmond) offered House Joint Resolution No. 5073, approved by both the House and Senate on June 12.

The resolution describes Peace’s impact on the field of biostatistics and also notes that he has created scholarship awards that have helped more than 50 students earn master’s degrees or doctorates in Biostatistics from MCV/ VCU. He also generously supported the Hans Carter Professorship on the MCV Campus and Georgia Southern’s Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health bears the name of his late wife as well as many other education and charitable organizations.

As described in his autobiography *Paid in Full*, Peace was born into a family of southwest Georgia sharecroppers. He was the first person in his family to go to college and, as an undergraduate; a Georgia State Teacher’s scholarship supplemented by seven part-time jobs helped him complete his bachelor’s degree in chemistry, even while supporting his siblings and cancer-stricken mother.

Education proved to be the road that would change Peace’s life and that of his family. Rising from an entry-level biostatistician position at Burroughs-Wellcome to vice president of worldwide technical operations at Parke-Davis/Warner Lambert, Peace went on to start Biopharmaceutical Research Consultants Inc. in 1989. He provided expertise to dozens of international biotech and pharmaceutical companies and played a key role in the development and regulatory approval of dozens of medicines, including drugs used to treat Alzheimer’s disease, hypertension, arthritis, anxiety, depression and panic attacks and gastrointestinal ulcers.

LINKS: <http://www.amstat.org/awards/pdfs/KarlEPeaceBio.pdf>

<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?142+ful+HJ5073>

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/paid-in-full-karl-e-peace/1017979737?ean=9780615194790>

Dr. Luque Elected to SMA Board

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Dr. John (Juan) Luque has been elected as a Member-at-Large on the Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA) Board for a 3-year term. The Society for Medical Anthropology is the world's largest association of professional and practicing medical anthropologists. One of the largest sections of the American Anthropological Association, they serve medical anthropology graduate students, practicing anthropologists, scholars, and scholar activists who address issues of local, national and international health importance. It is the hub of an active research community and a storehouse for information supporting the endeavors of medical anthropologists and their colleagues in allied social science fields.