

1 **MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR RICHARD D. BALTZ, MD**

2  
3 **Introduced by:** Mukul Parikh, MD on behalf of the Dauphin County Medical Society

4 **Author:** Jaan Sidorov, MD

5  
6 WHEREAS, Richard D. Baltz, MD passed away on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at the age of 83; and

7  
8 WHEREAS, Dr. Baltz faithfully served his fellow physician colleagues as President of the Dauphin County  
9 Medical Society for two terms in 1985 and again in 1991, and was the only physician in the history of the  
10 Society to do this; and

11  
12 WHEREAS, Dr. Baltz was a member of the Pennsylvania Medical Society for 48 years, and also served on  
13 its Board of Trustees from October 16, 2005 until October 28, 2012, and participated numerous times as  
14 a delegate from the Dauphin County Medical Society to the Pennsylvania Medical Society House of  
15 Delegates and as a delegate to the American Medical Association, helping to shape health policy at both  
16 the state and national levels; and

17  
18 WHEREAS, Dr. Baltz was also a longstanding member of the American Academy of Pediatrics as well as  
19 its Pennsylvania Chapter; and

20  
21 WHEREAS, Dr. Baltz's contributions to the health of his community were legion, including service as  
22 President of the Harrisburg Hospital Medical Staff, Director of Pediatrics at Polyclinic Hospital, Medical  
23 Director of Utilization Review for Harrisburg Hospital, Co-Chair of the Pennsylvania Bar  
24 Association/Pennsylvania Medical Society Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect, consultant to the  
25 West Shore School District Nurse Practitioner Program, collaborator in the creation of a Central  
26 Pennsylvania clinic dedicated to treatment of persons afflicted with sickle cell disease, member of the  
27 Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Fluoridation Coalition, consultant to the Pennsylvania Department of  
28 Public Welfare Bureau of Quality Review, Review Consultant for KePRO, member of the Pennsylvania  
29 Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics School Health Committee, and member of the American  
30 Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Quality Improvement; and

31  
32 WHEREAS, Dr. Baltz honorably served his country as a Captain in the United States Air Force; and

33  
34 WHEREAS, Dr. Baltz advanced the science of medicine with peer-reviewed publications by the American  
35 Cancer Society and the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine*; and

36  
37 WHEREAS, Dr. Baltz shared his extensive medical wisdom with medical students and residents as Clinical  
38 Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Hershey Medical Center; and

39  
40 WHEREAS, Dr. Baltz completed his internship and residency in the specialty of pediatrics at Harrisburg  
41 Hospital, completed a Fellowship at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and went on to serve  
42 countless families in pediatric practice at Baltz and Fromme Pediatric Associates and then Pinnacle  
43 Health Children's Health Clinic; and

44  
45 WHEREAS, Dr. Baltz is survived by his wife of more than 58 years, Alice (Turner) Baltz; a son, Richard E.  
46 Baltz and wife Janice of Burke, VA; a daughter, Karen B. Anderson and husband Dean of Camp Hill; five  
47 grandchildren: Matthew R. Baltz, Timothy M. Baltz, Allison M. Baltz, Erik R. Anderson, and Grant R.  
48 Anderson; and several nieces and nephews; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Baltz will long be remembered as a role model by his colleagues for his professional  
2 excellence, multiple medical accomplishments, superb teaching skills, extensive community service, and  
3 remarkable bonhomie; be it therefore

4  
5 **RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates of the Pennsylvania Medical Society observe a moment of**  
6 **silence, recognizing our appreciation for this dedicated and excellent physician; and be it further**

7  
8 **RESOLVED, That this memorial resolution be recorded in the minutes of the 2017 House of Delegates**  
9 **and a copy be sent to his family.**