

1 **MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR PAUL C. BRUCKER, MD**

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3 **Introduced by:** Cadence A. Kim, MD, FACS on behalf of the Philadelphia County Medical Society
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6 **WHEREAS,** Paul C. Brucker, MD, President emeritus of Thomas Jefferson University, passed away March
7 23, 2017 at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia at the age of 85; and

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9 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Brucker received his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of
10 Medicine; completed a residency in General Practice; designed his own graduate training program which
11 included a residency at Hunterdon Medical Center, NJ and an internship at the Lankenau Hospital;
12 practiced family medicine in the community of Ambler, PA and served as preceptor and role model for
13 numerous students from various medical schools; and

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15 **WHEREAS,** in 1973, Jefferson Medical College hired Dr. Brucker as a Professor and founding Chair of
16 their Department of Family Medicine where, under his tenure, Jefferson gained national renown as one
17 of the most successful student and residency training programs in family medicine in the country and
18 led Thomas Jefferson University and its hospital to financial and research grant success as well as
19 providing institutional leadership which resulted in the formation of the Jefferson Health System, where
20 he served as Board Chair; and

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22 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Brucker helped to establish fellowship programs in faculty development and geriatrics,
23 serving as Chair of the medical school's Curriculum Committee and the Committee on Student
24 Promotion; and

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26 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Brucker had a major influence on the training of physicians across the country, especially
27 in emphasizing the importance of primary care doctors; and

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29 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Brucker was an active member of the Philadelphia County Medical Society (PCMS) and
30 the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) for 57 years; a Fellow and past President of the College of
31 Physicians of Philadelphia; a member of the Board of Directors of the American Board of Family Practice,
32 having also served as President; elected to the prestigious Institute of Medicine of the National
33 Academy of Sciences; and

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35 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Brucker was the recipient of many accolades and awards including the creation of the
36 Paul C. Brucker, MD Annual Lecture in his honor at Jefferson; and the Strittmatter Award from the
37 Philadelphia County Medical Society; and

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39 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Brucker was devoted to his wife, Joan Waite Brucker, for 59 years and together raised 3
40 accomplished children: Sheryl Kelly, Linda Vozzo, and Paul C. Brucker, Jr.; and seven grandchildren;
41 therefore, be it

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43 **RESOLVED,** that the 2017 House of Delegates of the Pennsylvania Medical Society observe a moment
44 of silence, recognizing our appreciation for Dr. Brucker's leadership; his volunteerism in the
45 community; his dedication to his field; and his many years of membership in our organization; and, be
46 it further

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- 1 **RESOLVED, that this memorial resolution be recorded in the minutes of the 2017 PAMED House of**
- 2 **Delegates and a copy sent to Dr. Brucker's family.**