

1 **MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR WILLIAM TASMAN, 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,** William Tasman, MD, passed away on March 28, 2017 at his Chestnut Hill home in  
7 Philadelphia, PA at the age of 88; and

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9 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Tasman graduated from Temple University School of Medicine; completed a residency in  
10 Ophthalmology at the Wills Eye Hospital; completed a Retina fellowship at the Massachusetts Eye and  
11 Ear Infirmary before returning to Philadelphia and Wills Eye Hospital to begin his tenure; and

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13 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Tasman was an active member of the Philadelphia County Medical Society (PCMS) and  
14 the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) for 58 years; was a Fellow in the American College of  
15 Surgeons; contributed to many key organizations with leadership as Ophthalmologist-in-Chief of Wills  
16 Eye Hospital; served as Professor and Chair of Ophthalmology at Jefferson Medical College of Thomas  
17 Jefferson University; was the Founder of Mid-Atlantic Retina; served as President of the American  
18 Academy of Ophthalmology and Chair of the American Board of Ophthalmology as well as President of  
19 the American Ophthalmological Society; and was a founding member and President of the Retina  
20 Society; and

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22 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Tasman, whose almost 300 studies in peer-reviewed literature and 64 book chapter  
23 contributions spanned the field of retina, notably retinal detachment and diabetic retinopathy; and  
24 whose most transformational work was in pediatric retina and specifically, retinopathy of prematurity;  
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27 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Tasman was the recipient of many honors, both nationally and internationally, including  
28 the Strittmatter Award from the Philadelphia County Medical Society; the American Academy of  
29 Ophthalmology’s Lifetime Achievement Award; the Gold Medal of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; and

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31 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Tasman served our Country as a Captain in the 7100<sup>th</sup> US Air Force Hospital in  
32 Wiesbaden, Germany; and

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34 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Tasman was a true patriot of Philadelphia, had an exemplary level of competence as an  
35 ophthalmologist, educator par excellence, and noted author and editor; and because of whom the field  
36 of ophthalmology will benefit for decades from his efforts and will continue to benefit from his legacy of  
37 leadership, example, and concern; and

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39 **WHEREAS,** this wonderful, kind, and generous family man was married to Alice Mast Tasman for 55  
40 years and together they raised 3 accomplished children—James, Alice, and Graham—and 5  
41 grandchildren; was also dedicated to his friends, associates, and patients; 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. Tasman’s many years of service to his community and  
45 to his profession; and, be it further

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47 **RESOLVED,** that this memorial resolution be recorded in the minutes of the 2017 PAMED House of  
48 Delegates and a copy sent to Dr. Tasman’s family.