

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society
House of Delegates
Memorial Resolution

JAMES H. KELLY, M.D.

Whereas, on February 8, 2018, MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society, and its component, the Baltimore County Medical Association, were saddened by the loss of a member of long standing, Dr. James H. Kelly; and

Whereas, Dr. Kelly born in Savannah, Georgia, was the son of the Rev. John L. Kelly, an Episcopal priest, and M. Kathryn Kelly, a homemaker; and

Whereas, he received a medical degree in 1968 from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston; and

Whereas, he was a surgical intern and an assistant resident in surgery at Vanderbilt University Hospital from 1968 to 1970; and

Whereas, Dr. Kelly served as a captain with the Army Reserve Otolaryngology Service for four years ending in 1972; and

Whereas, he later served as a major at Madigan General Hospital and later at Fort Hood Army Hospital from 1972 to 1973; and

Whereas, he then completed a residency in otolaryngology at the Harvard Medical School from 1974 to 1977; and

Whereas, Dr. Kelly held positions at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Beth Israel Hospital, Brigham & Women's Hospital, and Harvard Medical School until 1985; and

Whereas, he was named associate professor of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery at Johns Hopkins Medical School in 1985; and

Whereas, he also was chief of otolaryngology at Sinai Hospital, chairman of the department of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery at Greater Baltimore Medical Center, and associate professor in the department of neurology at Hopkins; and

Whereas, during his tenure at GBMC, Dr. Kelly developed cleft palate and cochlear implant programs and specialized in helping people with swallowing disorders, while the otolaryngology program was named as national best by U.S. News & World Report; and

Whereas, he was beloved by students, trainees, staff and his patients and had wonderful professional judgment and was the consummate teacher; and

Whereas, he was an inveterate fly fisherman and enjoyed playing tennis, cooking international cuisine and reading spy thriller and detective novels; and

Whereas, in addition to his wife of 32 years, Jane, Dr. Kelly is survived by two sons, James H. Kelly Jr. and Alexander Kelly; a daughter, Erin Tilghman; and three granddaughters; therefore be it

Resolved, that the members of the Baltimore County Medical Association, and the MedChi House of Delegates have adopted this resolution as an as indication of the respect which the medical community held for Dr. Kelly as a physician and humanitarian; and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and given to Mrs. Kelly as an expression of the high esteem in which Dr. Kelly was held by his colleagues.

Presented this 29th Day of April 2018