



MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

DONLIN MARTIN LONG, M.D.
1934 - 2023

Whereas, On September 19, 2023, MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society and its component, the Baltimore City Medical Society, lost an Emeritus member, Dr. Donlin Martin Long, founding chairman of The Johns Hopkins Department of Neurosurgery; and

Whereas, Dr. Long was born in Rolla, Missouri in 1934; he received his undergraduate degree in 1955 from the University of Missouri, where he also received his medical degree in 1959, and a doctorate in neuroanatomy at the University of Minnesota in 1964; and

Whereas, He completed residencies at the University of Minnesota, Harvard Medical School, Boston's Children's Hospital, and a residency and fellowship at the National Institute of Health; and

Whereas, Dr. Long was neurosurgeon-in-chief at Johns Hopkins, and, in 1973, became the first chairman of the department of neurosurgery, a position he held until 2000; under his leadership, the department more than doubled its full-time neurosurgical faculty for its much increased caseload, had seven centers of excellence, and research funding exceeded \$5 million annually; and

Whereas, During his residency he and a colleague, Dr. Joseph Galicich, laid the groundwork for the current use of steroids to reduce postoperative swelling of the brain; and

Whereas, Dr. Long's research interests continued: biological structure of the blood vessels in the brain; photography of the cells that form the inner lining of the brain's blood vessels; design of the first external transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulator to ease pain; invention of the first battery-powered, rechargeable, implantable electronic stimulator to manage pain; and implantable medication pump; and

Whereas, As a pioneer in the field of neurosurgery, and throughout his distinguished career at Hopkins, he trained and mentored neurosurgeons who have garnered significant recognition and positions as leaders of neurosurgery divisions and departments in various countries, and served as presidents of international and national neurosurgery professional associations; and

Whereas, Dr. Long was a member of various professional associations, including the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, The American Association of Neurological Surgeons, and the American College of Surgeons; and

Whereas, His leisure pastimes included opera, travel, classic films, and outdoor activities of gardening, fishing, hunting, and walking; he visited each of the major national parks in the United States; and

Whereas, Dr. Long is survived by his wife of sixty-four years, Harriett Page Long; a son, David Bradford Long; two daughters, Dr. Kimberley Page Riley and Elisabeth Merchant Long; and five grandchildren; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Baltimore City Medical Society and the MedChi House of Delegates have adopted this Resolution as an indication of the respect which the medical community holds for Dr. Long; and be it further

Resolved, That this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and given to his wife and family as an expression of the esteem in which Dr. Long is held by his colleagues.

Presented this 28^h day of October 2023.

