

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

J. Alex Haller, Jr., M.D.

Whereas, On June 13, 2018, MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, and its component, the Baltimore City Medical Society lost a member of over 50 years, J. Alex Haller, Jr., M.D., world renowned teacher, surgeon, author and ethicist in pediatric trauma care; and

Whereas, Dr. Haller was born in Pulaski, Virginia; he earned his bachelor's degree at Vanderbilt University, and completed medical school at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1951; and

Whereas, During medical school, he also studied pediatric surgery at Boston Children's Hospital, and following medical school, pathology at the University of Zurich; and

Whereas, Dr. Haller completed residency at Hopkins, following military service in the Coast Guard and at the National Institutes of Health; and

Whereas, In 1959 he was appointed to the faculty at the University of Louisville, and was later its Chief of Cardiac Surgery; and

Whereas, Dr. Haller was recruited back to Hopkins to serve as Chief of the newly established pediatric surgery division; his appointment was followed by the opening of the country's first general hospital's pediatric emergency room; and

Whereas, His philosophy that children should be treated in separate facilities, led to the development of Hopkins' Children's Medical and Surgical Center; and

Whereas, In 1982, Dr. Haller and a surgical team separated conjoined twins in a 10-hour surgery; and

Whereas, His leadership in pediatric surgery and care for children led to his recognition as the "father of pediatric trauma care"; he published more than 350 papers and 60 book chapters; and

Whereas, Dr. Haller served with the World Health Organization and the United Nations, establishing pediatric trauma centers and training personnel in Balkans, Romania, Africa, Slovakia and Kosovo; and

Whereas, He was honored with the American Academy of Pediatrics' William Edwards Ladd Medal, the Denis Browne Gold Medal, the British Association of Pediatric Surgeons' Award and the Vaclav Kafka Medal from the Society of Pediatric Surgery of Bohemia; and

Whereas, He was long active in scouting, and was Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 485 in Glencoe, Maryland, and received the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award from the Baltimore Area Council of Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Dr. Haller is survived by his wife, Emily Simms Haller; two daughters, Julia Haller, M.D., of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Clare Haller Hughes of New Canaan, Connecticut; two

sons: J. Alex Haller III of Asheville, North Carolina, and Frederick B. Haller of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and 16 grandchildren; now 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. Haller; and be it further

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

Presented this 22nd day of September 2018.