

*Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland House of Delegates
Memorial Resolution*

Donald Theodore Lewers, M.D.

Whereas, On October 6, 2019, MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society and its component, The Talbot County Medical Society, lost a distinguished and inspiring member of over fifty years, Donald Theodore Lewers, M.D.; and

Whereas, Donald Theodore Lewers, M.D., “Ted” was born on December 16, 1934 in Salisbury, Maryland; and

Whereas, After serving in the Korean War as a Medic, he graduated from the University of Maryland Medical School, Cum Laude in 1964; and

Whereas, Dr. Lewers continued his professional career at the Maryland General Hospital in Baltimore; and

Whereas, He was appointed as the First Chair of the Governor’s Commission on Kidney Disease in 1971, having been a pioneer in performing kidney transplants and the development of dialysis as treatment for Renal Disease in Maryland; and

Whereas, In 1975 Dr. Lewers moved back to Talbot County, where he had a thriving practice as an Internist specializing in Hypertension and Nephrology until 2002; and

Whereas, Due to his concern about the 1986 malpractice crisis facing physicians in Maryland, he became a respected lobbyist for MedChi, with an agenda for tort reform; and

Whereas, Dr. Lewers became the President of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, in 1986, during which he focused on two issues, the eroding physician – patient relationship and alternate health care systems impacting the practice of medicine; and

Whereas, His compassion for patients led him want to do more on a national level and he was elected to the American Medical Association Board of Trustees in 1993 and served as Chair of the Board from 1999-2000; and

Whereas, Dr. Lewers keen understanding of medical malpractice suits and their impact, led him to serve on the Board of Directors for Medical Mutual Insurance Company of Maryland, from 1996 until his retirement in 2006; and

Whereas, He had a passion for nature and conservation, volunteering with The Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage, The Waterfowl Festival, Ducks Unlimited and The University of Maryland Center for the Environment and Estuarine Studies; and

Whereas, Dr. Lewers enjoyed golf, supporting oyster restoration, fishing with his grandchildren and boating with his wife, Pat, on the local rivers in his retirement; and

Whereas, He is survived by his wife, Pat Lewers, three daughters, Debbie, Linda and Kim; along with four grandchildren, Amy, Michael, Matt and Tre; one great-grandson, Russell, his sister June Terry; and many friends, colleagues and people whose lives he touched; therefore be it

Resolved, That members of Talbot County Medical Society , MedChi and the MedChi House of Delegates have adopted this Resolution as an indication of the deep respect the medical community holds for Donald Theodore Lewers, M.D.; 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 high esteem in which Dr. Lewers is held by his colleagues.

Presented, this Second day of November 2019.