

Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland House of Delegates
Memorial Resolution

LEX BURKE SMITH, M.D.

Whereas, On February 12, 2019, MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, its component, Baltimore City Medical Society, and the Maryland Psychiatric Society lost a distinguished member, Lex Burke Smith, M.D., at the age of 96; and

Whereas, Dr. Smith was born in Teague, Texas, where he graduated from the Teague Public Schools at age 16 and enrolled in Westminster Episcopal Junior College and completed one year and then completed pre-med studies at the University of Texas Austin; and

Whereas, He enrolled in the University of Texas School of Medicine in Galveston, Texas, completing the four year program in three years to begin his Navy internship at the San Diego Hospital and the 5000-bed Navy hospital at Aiea Heights, Hawaii; and

Whereas, Dr. Smith's additional assignments included United State Naval Hospital in Guam, where he was ship medical officer on the APL33; he returned to the United States and was ward medical office at Camp Wallace, Texas; and

Whereas, He completed a 3-year residency in Internal Medicine at the Veterans Hospital in Dallas, and then opened a private practice in Midland, Texas; and

Whereas, Dr. Smith was recalled to active duty at the Naval Hospital at Camp Pendleton, California; and

Whereas, During his second semester of a one-year residency in Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins Hospital that he obtained to go along with his Internal Medicine specialty, he decided to change his specialty to Psychiatry, completed the residency and became medical director and assistant professor at the Hopkins School for Hygiene; his research focus was on the response of infants reacting with their mothers; and

Whereas, From the time he finished his residency, he devoted ½ day a week to the Johns Hopkins Department of Psychiatry, including training 1st and 2nd year Psychiatric residents in Psychotherapy with their patients; and

Whereas, He was a member of both BCMS/MedChi and the Maryland Psychiatric Society for over 60 years; and

Whereas, He completed training in psychoanalysis at the Baltimore/Washington Center for Psychoanalysis and was a longtime member of that Society, and

Whereas, He was 1977-1978 Maryland Psychiatric Society President; and having served in a number of positions, including Ethics Committee Chair, Maryland Foundation for

Psychiatry Director and Maryland Political Action Committee Chair, he was presented the Society's inaugural Lifetime of Service Award in 2000; and

Whereas, Dr. Smith was married to the late Margaret Elizabeth Wade Smith for 68 years; he is survived by their three children: James Lex Smith of Houston, Texas, Mary Beatrice Quillen of Ellicott City Maryland and Barbara Ann Buckingham of Bedford, New Hampshire, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren; now, therefore be it

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

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

Presented this 28th day of April 2019.