

**MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

Memorial Resolution

INTRODUCED BY: The Baltimore County Medical Association
The Maryland Psychiatric Society

SUBJECT: Jonas R. Rappeport, M.D.

Whereas, on September 8, 2020, MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society was saddened by the loss of Jonas R. Rappeport, M.D., at the age of 95 after 62 years of membership in MedChi; and

Whereas, Dr. Rappeport was born in Baltimore on October 16, 1924 and was a respected member of the community throughout his life; and

Whereas, he was a 1942 graduate of Forest Park High School and entered the University of Maryland, College Park that fall; and

Whereas, he was drafted in June 1943 and served in the Army in Europe; and

Whereas, he was a 1952 graduate of the University of Maryland School of Medicine and interned at Chicago's Michael Reese Hospital; and

Whereas, he completed his residency in psychiatry at the University of Maryland Medical School and the Sheppard Pratt Hospital, then joined the forensic staff at Maryland's Spring Grove State Hospital; and

Whereas, in 1959, Dr. Rappeport opened a general private practice in clinical psychiatry in the Latrobe building in Mount Vernon and became the psychiatrist for the Baltimore County Circuit Court; and

Whereas, in 1967 he was named the chief medical officer for the Supreme Bench (now the Circuit Court) in Baltimore City; and

Whereas, in 1969 he founded the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, the national organization of forensic psychiatrists, and that same year opened the first forensic psychiatry fellowship program; and

Whereas, he wrote the first ethics code for the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law; and

Whereas, as a faculty member of Johns Hopkins and the University of Maryland he trained numerous medical students, general adult psychiatry residents and forensic psychiatry fellows until his retirement in 1992; and

Whereas, Dr. Rappeport was a long-time member of the American Medical Association, MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society, and the Baltimore County Medical Association; and

Whereas, during his professional career Dr. Rappeport was president of the Maryland Psychiatric Society from 1965 to 1966, and President of the Maryland Foundation for Psychiatry from 1996-2015; and

Whereas, Dr. Rappeport received the APA's Isaac Ray Award in 1984 and the MPS Lifetime of Service Award in 2002 and the APA Warren Williams Assembly Speaker's Award in 2015; and

Whereas, Dr. Rappeport shared his love of forensic psychiatry as well as carpentry, fishing, and cooking with his

beloved late wife Joan, their family, friends, and students; and

Whereas, he is survived by his three daughters Sandy Rappeport, Susan Bleiberg, and Sally Rappeport as well as four grandchildren; therefore be it

Resolved, that the MedChi House of Delegates have adopted this resolution as an indication of the respect which the medical community held for Dr. Jonas R. Rappeport as a physician and humanitarian; and be it further

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