



MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

Barton J. Gershen, MD

1933-2021

WHEREAS, Barton J. Gershen, MD was born in Brooklyn in 1933, and was raised in Vermont, where he obtained his medical degree at the University of Vermont in 1957, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gershen trained in Internal Medicine and Cardiology at Georgetown University, and subsequently served as a Captain, US Air Force, as Chief of Cardiology at Travis Air Force Base, and

WHEREAS, he practiced medicine in Montgomery County for 50 years, and played a significant part in advances in patient care, such as the first emergency transport equipped with life-saving cardiac care instrumentation and communications gear, and

WHEREAS, he taught as an Adjunct Professor of Cardiology at George Washington University Medical School and Howard University, and

WHEREAS, he married his beloved Enid in 1955, and theirs was a mutually cherishing relationship until her passing in 2019, with children Jill, Cindy, and David, and son-in-law David Shuman and beloved grandson, Jake, never far, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gershen was a mainstay of the Maryland Medicine, (previously Montgomery Medicine) Editorial Board serving from the 1980s until 2019, when his failing health and sadness over the recent loss of his dear wife, Enid, prevented him from continuing to attend Editorial Board meetings, and

WHEREAS, though he began life as a cardiologist in Montgomery County, he saw his role as so much more than that. In addition to being an avid baseball enthusiast, he was an excellent wordsmith, publishing hundreds of columns of "Word Rounds" over the 30-year span and publishing two books of the same name to capture the etymology of tens of thousands of words and how they related to medicine and historical or current issues of the day, and

WHEREAS, he was the recipient of numerous awards, including Alpha Omega Alpha, Fellowship in the American College of Cardiology, and the prestigious Henry P. and Page Laughlin Distinguished Editorial/Authorship Award on two occasions, and

WHEREAS, he never strayed from the belief that to be a Physician is a sacred calling, and we should do our utmost to live up to it, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the members of the Montgomery County Medical Society and MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society have adopted this Resolution as an indication of the respect held by the medical community for Dr. Gershen; 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 esteem in which Dr. Gershen was held by his colleagues; and be it further

RESOLVED, we have surrendered him to his God. We shall be the patient's advocate. We are the shield. We are physicians.

Presented this 1st day of May, 2022.