



MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

JOSEPH SNYDER, M.D.
1937 - 2023

Whereas, on August 30, 2023, MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society and Montgomery County Medical Society lost a valued member, extraordinary leader, and dedicated advocate for physicians and patients in Maryland; and

Whereas, Dr. Snyder wanted to become a physician as early as tenth grade as he was always interested in science, and thought that medicine would be a gratifying profession; and

Whereas, Dr. Snyder received his B.A. degree in Zoology from University of Pennsylvania and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa; and

Whereas, Dr. Snyder attended the Jefferson School of Medicine in Philadelphia where he completed his internship and first year of residency in internal medicine, graduated at the top of his class winning the Anatomy Prize, the Hoffman LaRoche Award, Surgery Prize and Hobart Hare Honorary Medical Society designation, and was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society; and

Whereas, Dr. Snyder became involved in research while at Jefferson which led him to the National Institutes of Health where he learned about ophthalmology and, while not having any training in that field, he applied and was accepted to George Washington University for a second residency; and

Whereas, Dr. Snyder established his practice of ophthalmology in 1971 in Silver Spring, Maryland, and first became interested in organized medicine in the 1970s when he became a member and later president of the Maryland Academy of Ophthalmology, served as chair of its legislative committee, and founded the academy's political action committee; and

Whereas, Dr. Snyder soon became involved in the Montgomery County Medical Society, and became president in 1983, which led to his becoming a member of the MedChi Council in the 1980s; and

Whereas, Dr. Snyder became an AMA delegate in 2000 and served for 12 years in the MedChi Delegation to the AMA, including serving as Chair of the Southeast Delegation; and

Whereas, in 1993, Dr. Snyder was elected as President of MedChi; and

Whereas, Throughout the years, both MedChi and Montgomery County Medical Society have conferred awards on Dr. Snyder including the 2012 Dr. Henry & Page Laughlin Medical Leadership Award, and in April 2019, upon his retirement from the AMA-MedChi Delegation, MCMS presented him with Lifetime Leadership Award; and

Whereas, Dr. Snyder is survived by his lovely and supportive wife, Madrian, two daughters, Lori and Lee, of whom he was very proud as they followed in his footsteps becoming practicing ophthalmologists who are also active in organized medicine, and he was the grandfather to four grandsons whom he

loved very much; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Montgomery County Medical Society and MedChi have adopted this Resolution as an indication of the respect which the medical community holds for Dr. Snyder; and be it further

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

Presented this 28^h day of October 2023.

