



MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

JACK McKAY ZIMMERMAN, M.D.
1927 - 2023

Whereas, On July 23, 2023, MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, and its component, the Baltimore City Medical Society (BCMS), lost an Emeritus member, Dr. Jack McKay Zimmerman, an early proponent of hospice care in the United States; and

Whereas, Dr. Zimmerman was born New York, NY in 1927; he graduated from the Salisbury School in Salisbury, Connecticut in 1944 and began undergraduate studies at Princeton University, but interrupted his studies to enlist in the United States Army; he was discharged in 1945 having earned the rank of technical sergeant, and returned to Princeton, where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1949; and

Whereas, In 1953, he received his Medical Degree from The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and completed a residency in surgery under the esteemed Dr. Alfred Blalock; he was board certified in surgery and thoracic surgery; and

Whereas, Dr. Zimmerman was Chief of Surgery at Kansas City VA Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri, and Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Kansas School of Medicine; and returned to Baltimore to serve as Chief of Surgery at Church Home and Hospital and Associate Professor of Surgery at Hopkins; and

Whereas, His interest in hospice care began with his visit to the world's first hospice facility, St. Christopher's Hospice in London, England, founded in 1967; he convened a symposium with speakers from St. Christopher's, which laid the foundation for hospice care in Maryland; and

Whereas, with his wife, Doris Zimmerman, a registered nurse, Dr. Zimmerman developed the first hospice in Maryland at Baltimore City's Church Home and Hospital; he wrote the text, "Hospice: Complete Care of the Terminally Ill," and also authored 70 publications and book chapters on hospice; and

Whereas, He received many awards, among them the Robert Southgate Browne Crosby Award from the Salisbury School, the Class of 1870 Prize from Princeton and the Heritage Award from Hopkins, he held development of the second hospice in the United States, behind Connecticut Hospice in Branford his proudest achievement; and

Whereas, Dr. Zimmerman was a member of various medical societies and held leadership positions as Chairman, Committee on Public Education and Public Relations, BCMS; Chairman, Committee on Health Manpower, Maryland Regional Medical Program; and Vice President, Baltimore Academy of Surgery; and

Whereas, He was a board member of the American Hospital Association's Regional Policy Board, Health Care for the Homeless, and the International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care; and

Whereas, Dr. Zimmerman is survived by his wife of sixty-nine years, Doris Zimmerman; a daughter, Anne Zimmerman; a son, J. Wickham Zimmerman; and five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; therefore be it

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

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

Presented this 28^h day of October 2023.

