

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 21-13

INTRODUCED BY: Baltimore County Medical Association

SUBJECT: Improved Connection of the AMA with Local Physicians

REFERRED TO: Reference Committee A

Whereas, attendance at the meetings of the AMA HOD suggests that it is highly valued by members of the HOD; and

Whereas, AMA connection to physicians who do not have that involvement is weaker as indicated by AMA membership numbers; and

Whereas, the only personal connection that local physicians may have with the AMA is through their local delegates and alternate delegates, whether state or specialty delegates; and

Whereas, there is no question that the AMA is a powerful advocacy force in Washington and does many other worthwhile things that all physicians benefit from but it has very little interaction personally with local physicians and that cannot help but effect membership; and

Whereas, there are strategies used by legislators and others to reach out to local constituents that involve them more personally with organizations and campaigns such as recognizing constituent meritorious contributions to the community; and

Whereas, the AMA has recognized only the most nationally distinguished members of our profession who often have already been well recognized by many others; and

Whereas, in consultation with the state or specialty society, our AMA could recognize through a Presidential citation or medal, the work of a local physician or physicians in each state or specialty society yearly worthy of some special recognition that could be presented by a member of the AMA Board of Trustees on behalf of the President at the state/specialty society meeting; therefore be it

Resolved, that MedChi ask our AMA to study ways to provide recognition to physicians in local communities to give them and the community a greater personal sense of connection to the AMA; and be it further

Resolved, that MedChi continue to support the efforts by its AMA delegation to highlight the role of MedChi in federal legislation.

As amended and adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on September 21, 2013.