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SUBJECT: Presidential Medal of Freedom

Whereas, Dr. R Adams Cowley is known as the “Father of Trauma Medicine” and considered a pioneer in both emergency medicine and the treatment of shock trauma; and

Whereas, Dr. Cowley’s vision and ideas were cultivated while serving as a battlefield surgeon during World War II; and

Whereas, Dr. Cowley became a thoracic surgeon at the University of Maryland and after years of research in the 1950’s founded the nation’s first and longest running Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland Hospital in Baltimore; and

Whereas, Dr. Cowley organized a statewide system incorporating 50 hospitals, 10 trauma centers, 450 ambulances and a fleet of evacuation helicopters; and

Whereas, Maryland’s superb system stands as an international model for emergency medicine; and

Whereas, Dr. Cowley also invented the “Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services,” the first statewide coordinated EMS system of care in the US; and

Whereas, Dr. Cowley started the first injured civilian helicopter transport with assistance of the Maryland State Police Aviation Division; therefore be it

Resolved, that MedChi summit a resolution to the AMA 2013 Annual Meeting requesting that the AMA write a letter of support to President Obama on behalf of Dr. R Adams Cowley to posthumously receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

As adopted by the House of Delegates at its April 27, 2013 meeting.