

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 781

Sponsors: Senators Forrester and Purcell.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

April 7, 1999

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF DR. EDMUND
2 STRUDWICK, THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA
3 MEDICAL SOCIETY, ON THE SOCIETY'S ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH
4 ANNIVERSARY.

5 Whereas, on April 16, 1849, physicians from eight counties met at the North
6 Carolina Supreme Court to organize the "Medical Society of the State of North Carolina",
7 now known as the "North Carolina Medical Society"; and

8 Whereas, on April 17, 1849, Dr. Edmund Strudwick was elected as the first
9 president of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina; and

10 Whereas, the North Carolina Medical Society is celebrating the 150th
11 anniversary of its inception; and

12 Whereas, the North Carolina Medical Society has worked throughout its
13 existence to advance the art and science of medicine and to unite, serve, and represent
14 physicians in order to enhance physician advocacy for their patients and improve the
15 health of the people of North Carolina; and

16 Whereas, the North Carolina Medical Society has sought to elevate the
17 standards of medical education and service so that the medical profession can become
18 more capable within itself, more useful in the prevention and cure of disease, and more
19 effective in prolonging and adding comfort to life; and

20 Whereas, the North Carolina Medical Society has unflaggingly pursued its
21 mission of excellence in medicine through advocacy for medical research, clinical care

1 and education so that the medical profession continues to evolve as a highly specialized
2 and capable profession; and

3 Whereas, the North Carolina Medical Society has worked consistently to
4 inform the public of the problems of medical care and public health, and has worked
5 cooperatively with the members of the General Assembly to address important health
6 problems and assure responsible health laws are enacted; and

7 Whereas, the physicians of North Carolina are deeply grateful for the privilege
8 to serve the people of this great State and pledge to continue their work individually and
9 through the North Carolina Medical Society to improve our health care system; Now,
10 therefore,

11 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

12 Section 1. The General Assembly honors the life and memory of Dr. Edmund
13 Strudwick and expresses appreciation for the contributions he made to the State of North
14 Carolina and to the North Carolina Medical Society. The General Assembly recognizes
15 the historical accomplishments of the North Carolina Medical Society and congratulates
16 the organization on 150 years of dedicated commitment to improve the health of North
17 Carolinians and to advance the art and science of medicine by promoting high standards
18 of scientific rigor and professional competence in our health care system.

19 Section 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
20 resolution to the President of the North Carolina Medical Society.

21 Section 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.