Whereas, After a long and distinguished career in internal medicine, Lawrence “Larry” Monahan, MD, passed away on November 23, 2020, at age 79; and

Whereas, Dr. Monahan was highly regarded by his colleagues, patients, friends, and family as a careful, kind, and caring physician, an excellent teacher, and a role model for medical students, interns, and residents; and

Whereas, After having received his B.A. Degree from Kansas State University and his M.D. from the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Dr. Monahan came to adopt the state of Virginia as his home following his internship in Roanoke and eventually establishing his practice in Roanoke and Salem; and

Whereas, Dr. Monahan was an active member of the United States Navy Reserve for 30 years, serving on active duty in Vietnam and stateside from 1970-1972, eventually achieving the rank of Captain in the Medical Core and returning to active duty during Operation Desert Shield/Storm from 1990-1991 before retiring in 1999; and

Whereas, Dr. Monahan was dedicated to his students and the study of medicine in his positions of Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine at both the University of Virginia School of Medicine in Roanoke and the Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Blacksburg; and

Whereas, Dr. Monahan’s commitment to the practice of medicine was reflected in his position as a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, his numerous publications in state and national medical journals, and receiving the American Medical Association’s Continuing Medical Education Award every year of his practice; and

Whereas, Dr. Monahan’s engagement in organized medicine began with his local community, serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Roanoke Valley Academy of Medicine and President of the Virginia Society of Internal Medicine; and

Whereas, That engagement continued at the state medical society level, with Dr. Monahan serving as a member of the Medical Society of Virginia (MSV) for 46 years, during which time he was a Delegate to the annual meeting of the House of Delegates of the MSV for 43 years, actively participated on the Medical Society of Virginia Political Action Committee and Medical Society of Virginia Foundation boards, and distinguished himself in prominent leadership roles including Speaker of the House, First Vice President, and President of the MSV; and

Whereas, Dr. Monahan was a lifetime member of our AMA and a valued AMA leader, serving as a Delegate to the AMA House of Delegates from the state of Virginia for more than 30 years and attending each Annual and Interim meeting during that time; and

Whereas, Dr. Monahan was an active member of the Organized Medical Staff Section, representing his hospital for more than 30 years, serving as State Chair, and most recently serving as Member at-Large on the OMSS Governing Council; and
Whereas, Dr. Monahan was a life-long devotee to music, both in study and performance as an organist, as well as an accomplished competitive ballroom dancer and outdoor enthusiast; and

Whereas, Dr. Monahan was a loving and devoted husband to his wife, Davida, father to daughter Ashley and son Evan, and grandfather to Payton, Alex, and Aiden, and a true friend and boon companion to all who met him; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association acknowledge with deep gratitude and sincere appreciation the lifelong work performed by Lawrence Monahan, MD, in service of the practice of medicine; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA extend its heartfelt condolences to the family of Lawrence Monahan, MD, and adopt this resolution as an expression of deepest respect for our colleague and dear friend and our grief at his passing.