

**NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL SOCIETY  
HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

**JAMES SPENCER FULGHUM, III, MD**

WHEREAS, James “Jim” Spencer Fulghum, III, MD, received his medical degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill School of Medicine in 1971 and completed his internship and residency in neurosurgery at Duke Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fulghum was a member of the National Guard Reserves and later the Army Reserves, where he served for 18 years, retiring with the rank of Major; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fulghum served as an active duty field neurosurgeon in the US Army Reserves in Saudi Arabia near the Iraqi border as part of Operation Desert Storm in 1990-91; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fulghum grew up in Raleigh, raised his family in Raleigh and began his practice of medicine at the Raleigh Neurosurgical Clinic and served as Chief of Surgery at Wake Medical Center in the early 1980s; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fulghum practiced medicine for 35 years at the Raleigh Neurosurgical Clinic, then Triangle Spine and Back Care Center and later Carolina Rehabilitation and Surgical Associates; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fulghum also was proud to be a chicken farmer and raised chickens for many years at his Deep River Farm in Chatham County, where he hosted an annual event for family and friends, serving his own hand-chopped barbeque; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fulghum was an avid student of politics and history and an active member of the local Republican party; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fulghum was elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives in 2012, representing District 49 in Wake County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fulghum, because of his medical background and distinction as the only physician in the General Assembly, became a thoughtful, steady and compassionate advocate for health care legislation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fulghum helped pass legislation including requiring hospitals to expand heart defect screening for newborns and allowing medical use of hemp oil in clinical trials to treat a seizure disorder and championed bills requiring Epi-pens in schools and raising the legal age to use tanning beds to 18; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fulghum was asked to run for Senator Neal Hunt’s seat, when Sen. Hunt retired and was looking forward to campaigning; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Medical Society recognizes the many contributions made by Dr. Fulghum to his patients, his profession, his community, his state and his nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Medical Society expresses its heartfelt sympathy to his wife of 47 years, Mary Susan, his two daughters and two grandchildren and his large and loving extended family.

October 24, 2014

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**JOSEPHINE E. NEWELL, MD**

WHEREAS, Josephine E. Newell, MD., Past President of the North Carolina Medical Society died on July 9, 2014 at age 89; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Newell graduated with a degree in chemical engineering at the age of 16 and received her medical degree from the University of Maryland, School of Medicine at age 21; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Newell opened a solo family practice in 1951 in Bailey, North Carolina and was the seventh generation in a family line of physicians; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Newell was known for making house calls and insisting that nothing got in the way of treating her patients, including her own broken arm; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Newell served the citizens of North Carolina in many ways over her long and distinguished career in family medicine and administrative medicine roles; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Newell was elected as the first female President of the North Carolina Medical Society in 1981, after serving on many committees and as an alternate delegate to the American Medical Association House of Delegates from North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Newell served the citizens of North Carolina as director of Title XIX Electronic Data Systems and Medical Director of the North Carolina Comprehensive Health Benefit Plan; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Newell was the force behind the Country Doctor Museum in Bailey, which she furnished with many instruments and equipment from her own family's history as "country doctors;" and

WHEREAS, Dr. Newell was a published author and truly a person of deep concern and strong determination to make a difference whenever and wherever she had the opportunity to serve; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That members of the North Carolina Medical Society acknowledge her dedication to her patients and the citizens of North Carolina; and be it further

RESOLVED, That members of the North Carolina Medical Society express their heartfelt sympathy to her nephews, Robert Clark, III, Al Zodum, and John Zodum and other family members.

October 24, 2014