

2011 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 497

Celebrating the life of Dr. John Francis Dammann.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 24, 2011
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 25, 2011

WHEREAS, Dr. John Francis Dammann, a pioneer in pediatric cardiology and resident of Albemarle County, died on July 11, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dammann was born on February 21, 1917, in Chicago, Illinois; he received his bachelor's degree from Harvard in 1939 and his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1943, before completing his pediatric residency at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, a proud American patriot, Dr. Dammann served as a medical corps officer in the United States Navy at the end of World War II; and

WHEREAS, after he returned to civilian life, Dr. Dammann trained in pediatric cardiology in Chicago and at Johns Hopkins University before he joined the staff at the University of California in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, Dr. Dammann made the Commonwealth his home when he accepted a position at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dammann is internationally recognized as a pioneer in the field of pediatric cardiology whose work led to the development of a pulmonary banding procedure that continues to benefit thousands of children across the globe; and

WHEREAS, in addition to founding the Society of Critical Care Medicine, Dr. Dammann led the effort to develop computerized monitoring of the intensive care unit and wrote computer programs to continuously monitor multiple hemodynamic parameters; and

WHEREAS, after a distinguished career with the university, Dr. Dammann retired as professor emeritus of pediatrics and biomedical engineering in 1987; and

WHEREAS, in January of 1998, the University of Virginia established the John Francis Dammann Professorship in Pediatric Cardiology to recognize Dr. Dammann's significant contributions to the field of pediatric cardiology; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife, Nancy, Dr. Dammann will be fondly remembered by his children, Polly, John, Ralph, and Charles; by his many grandchildren and one great-granddaughter; and by his friends and distinguished professionals in the field of medicine who knew and admired him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Dr. John Francis Dammann, pioneer in pediatric cardiology; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Dr. John Francis Dammann as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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