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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 686

Offered February 1, 2021

*Celebrating the life of Charles Lindsay McDowell, M.D.*

Patrons—Carr (By Request), Adams, D.M. and McQuinn; Senator: McClellan

WHEREAS, Charles Lindsay McDowell, M.D., an esteemed orthopedic hand surgeon and beloved member of the Richmond community, died on October 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Wake Forest College, Charles McDowell attended Jefferson Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, where he was awarded the DePalma Orthopedic Surgery Prize; and

WHEREAS, Charles McDowell subsequently completed an internship and residency in orthopedics at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia and later was awarded a Kane Fellowship in Hand Surgery to study under Dr. Robert E. Carroll at the former Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City; and

WHEREAS, after completing his education and training, Charles McDowell settled in Richmond in 1965, entering private practice as an orthopedic, hand, and upper extremity surgeon; and

WHEREAS, Charles McDowell was noted for establishing and serving hand surgery departments at several leading hospital programs in the Greater Richmond area, including the VCU Medical Center, the Children's Hospital of Richmond at Virginia Commonwealth University, and the Hunter Holmes McGuire Veterans Administration Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Charles McDowell was a pioneering medical researcher, fostering greater understanding of complex surgical treatments for children with birth defects and injuries, as well as the biology of tendon and cartilage repair; and

WHEREAS, Charles McDowell was known to place great emphasis on the relationship between a doctor and their patient and encouraged his fellow surgeons and physicians to do the same, establishing a strong rapport with his patients and earning their enduring trust over the years; and

WHEREAS, Charles McDowell was an intrepid scholar and adventurer, passionately delving into various academic disciplines while traveling the world as both a sailor and an aviator throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Charles McDowell will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 63 years, Carter; his sons, Roy, Alan, and Lindsay, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Charles Lindsay McDowell, M.D., an accomplished surgeon whose kindness and generosity touched countless lives; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Charles Lindsay McDowell, M.D., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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