

# 2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 537

*Celebrating the life of Thomas F. Cleary, M.D.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 25, 2021

WHEREAS, Thomas F. Cleary, M.D., a trusted family physician who became an active community leader in Alexandria, died on January 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a native of Peoria, Illinois, Thomas "Tom" F. Cleary, M.D., began his education in a one-room schoolhouse and graduated from Spaulding High School; a passionate learner, he matriculated at Saint Louis University at the age of 15; and

WHEREAS, Tom Cleary transferred to the University of Notre Dame, from which he graduated in 1948, and he subsequently earned a medical degree from the Georgetown University School of Medicine in 1953; and

WHEREAS, Tom Cleary served his country for two years as a member of the United States Air Force and was stationed as a captain in the 1100th USAF Hospital at what is now Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling in Washington, D.C.; he continued to serve with the Air Force Reserve until 1974; and

WHEREAS, after completing his active duty military service, Tom Cleary practiced family medicine for 35 years, first in Illinois, then in Maryland; over the course of his long and fulfilling career, he treated generations of the same families and was well known for his kindness, exceptional memory, and wide range of knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Tom Cleary settled in the Commonwealth and became a member of the board of directors of the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Foundation and the Mount Vernon Civic Association, and he supported young people through his involvement with the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Tom Cleary volunteered his leadership to many educational and historic preservation projects in the region and was a longtime member of the Life Guard Society of George Washington's Mount Vernon; and

WHEREAS, Tom Cleary's greatest joy in life was his beloved family, and he will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 53 years, Ruth; his children, Kathleen, Kevin, Maureen, Sheila, and Sean, and their families; and by numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Thomas F. Cleary, M.D., a retired physician and respected member of the Alexandria community; 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 Thomas F. Cleary, M.D., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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