## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 697**

On the death of Dr. Raymond Cottrell Hooker, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 7, 1995 Agreed to by the Senate, February 16, 1995

WHEREAS, Dr. Raymond Cottrell Hooker, Jr., a Richmond physician who practiced family medicine in the city for more than 40 years, died on January 31, 1995; and

WHEREAS, a native of Richmond, Dr. Hooker was the son of Dr. Raymond C. Hooker, Sr., who practiced medicine in South Richmond for nearly 60 years; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of service in the United States Navy during World War II, Dr. Hooker graduated from Duke University in 1948, earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia in 1953, and shortly thereafter joined his father's practice in South Richmond; and

WHEREAS, after his father's death in 1970, Dr. Hooker continued to practice until health problems forced his retirement in 1984; and

WHEREAS, following a recovery in 1990, Dr. Hooker resumed his medical practice in South Richmond where his waiting room on Hull Street soon became a meeting place for a wide variety of Richmonders; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hooker treated anyone who walked in the door, expelling "only the troublemakers," and his kindness, generosity, and medical skills made him one of the more popular and well-respected physicians in Richmond; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of Dr. Raymond Cottrell Hooker, Jr.; 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 Dr. Raymond Cottrell Hooker, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.