

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 149

By Powell

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Gerald Schulman of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Gerald Schulman; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gerald Schulman was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a Fellow of the American Society of Nephrology, Dr. Schulman was an internationally renowned clinician and a Professor of Medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, board-certified in nephrology and internal medicine, Dr. Schulman earned his undergraduate degree from State University of New York at Buffalo and his medical degree from New York University; he served his residency at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center, followed by a research fellowship in Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital-Harvard Medical School; and

WHEREAS, a specialist in chronic and acute renal failure, hypertension, and plasmapheresis, Dr. Gerald Schulman came to Vanderbilt in 1988, where he served as the co-director of the Vanderbilt Clinical Trials Center for twenty years; and

WHEREAS, he participated in or led a number of groundbreaking studies to improve the lives of those affected by end-stage renal disease (ESRD), including studies with erythropoietin-stimulating agent (ESA) therapy and angiotensin receptor blockers to prevent progression of chronic kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, a leader in his field, Dr. Schulman served as a board member of the National Kidney Foundation and Network 8 for End Stage Renal Disease; he was an advisor to

the Food and Drug Administration and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), which recognized him for his valuable contributions to ESRD patients; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to building and cementing relationships with nephrologists across Eastern Europe, Dr. Schulman received honorary membership in the Macedonian Society of Nephrology and the silver medal from the Hungarian Nephrology Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Schulman helped to develop the proposal for the Jamaica National Hypertension Research and was instrumental in the development of the Mandeville Hospital Dialysis Center for underserved populations in Jamaica; and

WHEREAS, in acknowledgement of his contributions to nephrology and dialysis patients in Jamaica and his investment in the education of Jamaican nephrologists, he was appointed Guest Lecturer in Nephrology at the University of the West Indies in Kingston; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gerald Schulman was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of Dr. Marta Hernanz-Schulman, his wife and best friend, and he was the proud father of Alan Schulman; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gerald Schulman leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Gerald Schulman, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Gerald Schulman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.