

Resolution of Condolence -- J. Jeffrey Heinrich, PA-C

Whereas, the Connecticut Academy of PAs (ConnAPA) suffered a great loss with the death of J. Jeffrey Heinrich, in May of 2020, and

Whereas, Jeff Heinrich was one of the first PAs in Connecticut and one of the first three PAs at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Largely through his efforts, PAs were established as vital members on the YNHH Trauma and Burn services, and

Whereas, Jeff Heinrich demonstrated a love of teaching that spanned his entire career. He began by teaching numerous classes of students at the Yale PA Program. He also helped set up the Norwalk/Yale PA Surgical Residency Program and taught its residents. Finally, he took on the important role of Program Director at the George Washington University PA Program. He has also given invited lectures at both the state and national levels. There are now literally thousands of PAs out there who have been touched in some way by the efforts of Jeff Heinrich to impart some of the knowledge he has garnered over the years, and

Whereas, Jeff Heinrich lived up to his own commitment to lifelong education, having graduated from the Duke PA Program, then having earned his Masters degree from Southern Connecticut State University and then his doctoral degree from Nova University, and

Whereas, Dr. Heinrich gave much time, energy, and ideas to a variety of professional organizations. As a student at Duke, he was elected as the first President of the Student Academy of the AAPA. He was a co-founder of ConnAPA and served as its fifth President. He also served as President of the DC Academy. In addition to ConnAPA, he helped found two other national organizations – the AAPA's Physician Assistant Foundation and the PA History Society. He has also served as President of both, and

Whereas Dr. Heinrich has been recognized for his clinical, academic and volunteer achievements. He was the recipient of the Jack W. Cole Student Society Award from the Yale University PA Program (1976), the Distinguished Service Award from the American Academy of Physician Assistants (1985),

President's Award from the Connecticut Academy of Physician Assistants (1986), the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Duke University PA Program (1992), the Curtis P. Artz Distinguished Service Award from the American Burn Association (1993), the Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Post-Graduate Physician Assistant Programs (1993), the Civilian PA of the Year Award from the AAPA Veterans Caucus (1996), Distinguished Service Award from the Norwalk/Yale PA Surgical Residency Program (2001), inducted into the PA Hall of Fame at the Duke University PA Program (2002) and the National Outstanding PA of the Year from the American Academy of Physician Assistants (2007), and

Whereas, Dr. Heinrich was devoted to the PA profession, his patients, the students he taught, and to his family, and through his lifetime of dedication he made a difference in the lives of those he encountered, be it therefore

Resolved, that the House of Delegates of the American Academy of PAs recognize J. Jeffrey Heinrich's many contributions to his profession and his community, and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be provided to his wife, Suellen, and his son John, and his family with deepest sympathy from the members of the American Academy of PAs.

Attestation: I attest that this resolution was reviewed by the ConnAPA Board and approved as submitted

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William C. Kohlhepp", written over a solid black horizontal line.

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