

Resolution on the Retirement of Joseph E. Gutierrez, M.D.
November 19, 2019

Whereas, Dr. Gutierrez obtained a Master of Arts degree in Physiology from George Washington University, and

Whereas, Dr. Gutierrez obtained a Doctor of Medicine degree from Marquette University School of Medicine (Now the Medical College of Wisconsin), and

Whereas, Dr. Gutierrez joined Marquette's Student AMA from 1957 until 1961, and

Whereas, Dr. Gutierrez was inducted into AOA in 1960, and

Whereas, Dr. Gutierrez did a mixed Medical-Surgical internship at Georgetown University, and

Whereas, Dr. Gutierrez finished a surgical residency at Marquette, including winning an Outstanding Surgical Resident Teaching Award, and

Whereas, Dr. Gutierrez served in the Medical Corps, US Naval Reserve, reaching the rank of Lieutenant Commander, and

Whereas, Dr. Gutierrez served as staff surgeon at the US Naval Hospital in Chelsea, Massachusetts; at the Hue General Hospital in Hue City, South Vietnam and the US Naval Hospital in Quantico, and

Whereas, Dr. Gutierrez served as Chief of Surgery, 1st Medical Battalion, 1st Marine Division in Vietnam, and

Whereas, Dr. Gutierrez was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat V, the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, the National Defense Medal, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and

Whereas, Dr. Gutierrez had a distinguished general and vascular surgical career at hospitals in Northern Virginia, the District of Columbia and West Virginia, and

Whereas, Dr. Gutierrez was a charter member of the American Society of General Surgeons, a member of the Washington Academy of Surgeons and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the Royal Society of Medicine and the International College of Surgeons, and

Whereas, Dr. Gutierrez has been a representative to the AMA OMSS for 36 years, and

Whereas, Dr. Gutierrez served as an Alternate Delegate from the District of Columbia to the AMA in 1986 through 1988 and as a Delegate from 1988 until the present, and

Whereas, Dr. Gutierrez has chaired the DC Delegation from 1993 until the present, and

Whereas, Dr. Gutierrez served as Chair elect of the Southeastern Delegation to the AMA in 2005-2007 and as Chair from 2007 to 2009 and was instrumental in re-vitalizing the delegation, and

Whereas, Dr. Gutierrez served on the OSMAP Steering Committee from 2008 until the present and as OSMAP President in 2015-2016, and

Whereas, Dr. Gutierrez served in every conceivable position in the Medical Society of DC, including multiple committees, the Executive Committee from 1999-2001 and 2008 to the present, and

Whereas, Dr. Gutierrez has served twice as President of the Medical Society of DC in 1999-2000 and 2008-2009, and

Whereas, Dr. Gutierrez has been awarded the MSDC Distinguished Service Award in 1996, the MSDC Award of Appreciation of Service in 2001 and 2002 and the Board of Trustees Award for Stewardship of MSDC in 2002, and

Whereas, Dr. Gutierrez has counseled many of us with patience, wisdom and humility, and

Whereas, Dr. Gutierrez is a published international expert on the Bonsai Japanese art form for tree cultivation, be it therefore

Resolved, that Joseph E. Gutierrez, M.D. retires as much beloved and revered leader in the Medical Society of the District of Columbia, the Southeastern Delegation and the American Medical Association, and be it further

Resolved, that with profound gratitude, the entire Southeastern Delegation wishes Dr. Gutierrez health and happiness in the coming years.