

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE

To the Congress of Delegates of the American Academy of Family Physicians

Katherine Teresa Fokakis Patterson, MD, FAAFP

Introduced by the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians, the medical community of Mississippi, and her many patients suffered the loss of an exemplary family physician in Katherine Teresa “Katie” Patterson, MD, FAAFP, who succumbed to a brief and sudden illness on September 4, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson grew up in southern Mississippi, graduating from Hattiesburg High School before attending the University of Southern Mississippi, where she graduated *magna cum laude* and served as the president of her sorority, Delta Zeta; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson graduated *magna cum laude*, Alpha Omega Alpha, and Phi Kappa Phi from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine in May 2003; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson began her extensive career in physician leadership early by serving as vice-president of Alpha Omega Alpha, president of the Family Medicine Interest Group, FMIG Regional Coordinator, and president of the Carl G. Evers MD Society and student director to the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson began a career of medical servant leadership early as a Co-Founder of the Jackson Free Clinic, and continued to serve as a student coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson completed her family medicine residency as well as a women’s health fellowship from the Corpus Christi Family Practice Residency Program; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson served the Texas Academy of Family Physicians while in residency and fellowship as Resident Director for the TAFP Board of Directors, Resident Section Chair, TAFP Foundation Board of Trustees Resident Member, and multiple TAFP commissions and committees; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson remained active in the AAFP serving as resident delegate to the COD, member of AAFP Commission on Education, and Resident Chair of the National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson then followed her heart and returned to practice in rural Mississippi, joining the Indianola Family Medical Group and South Sunflower County Hospital in 2007,

establishing a large practice in the underserved Mississippi Delta, providing full spectrum care including obstetrics during her entire time in practice; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson continued her physician leadership in Mississippi in her community, specialty, profession, and community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson served her community as Chief of Staff of the South Sunflower County Hospital, President of the Friends of the Henry M. Seymour Library, 1st Vice President of the Indianola Civic League, and Board Member for the First United Methodist Church Leadership Team and Weekday Ministry Board; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson served the Mississippi State Medical Association as a member of the Council on Legislation and Council on Medical Education, as well as President of the Delta Medical Society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson served future physicians in the state of Mississippi as a passionate advocate for the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program and a driving force behind the Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce, chairing the OMPW Advisory Board and Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson was a gifted teacher who educated countless medical students and residents, hosting with enthusiasm rural rotations, obstetrical blocks, lectures, and mentoring; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson served the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians as a member of the Board of Directors, chair of the Advocacy Committee, Secretary, Vice-President, President, and Delegate to the AAFP Congress of Delegates; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson was recognized for her exemplary contributions to family medicine in the state of Mississippi in July 2022 with her selection for the John B. Howell Memorial Award as the Family Physician of the Year for the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson is survived by her husband, David, and their sons Samuel, Reilly, Nicholas, and John Kastens; and

WHEREAS, the loss of Katie Patterson leaves a hole in the hearts and lives of her patients, partners, colleagues, friends, and family that will never be filled; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the American Academy of Family Physicians and its members commemorate with deep gratitude Dr. Katherine Fokakis Patterson for her inspirational dedication and extraordinary service to her patients, family, community, and the specialty of family medicine; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the American Academy of Family Physicians send a copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Patterson as an expression of our appreciation for her service and condolence for their loss.