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SUMMARY

In memoriam: David Michael Jones, M.P.A.S., PA-C, 1945-2015.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas David Michael “Dave” Jones was born on October 31, 1945, in Seattle, Washington, to Dorothea and K.C. Jones; and

Whereas Dave Jones graduated from Pasco High School in 1963; and

Whereas Dave Jones earned a bachelor’s degree in history in 1968 and a second bachelor’s degree in zoology in 1970, both from the University of Washington; and

Whereas Dave Jones served as a member of the United States Army Reserve from 1965 to 1971; and

Whereas Dave Jones married Karen Rose Wick in 1969, and together they had a son, Tucker, in 1973; and

Whereas Dave Jones served as a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician from 1970 to 2014; and

Whereas in 1975, Dave Jones joined the ninth class of students at the MEDEX Northwest Physician Assistant Program at the University of Washington in the early days of the physician assistant profession, became certified as a physician assistant in 1976 and earned a third bachelor’s degree in primary health care in 1978; and

Whereas in 1980, Dave Jones moved to Condon, Oregon, with his wife and son to practice medicine as a physician assistant; and

Whereas Dave Jones and Dennis Bruneau, another physician assistant, served as the only providers of medical care in Gilliam County, were among

1 the first physician assistants in Oregon to practice with remote supervision
2 and were the first physician assistants in the country to receive independent
3 prescription-writing authority; and

4 Whereas Dave Jones was named Rural Physician Assistant of the Year
5 by the American Academy of Physician Assistants in 1988; and

6 Whereas Dave Jones served his first term as President of the Oregon So-
7 ciety of Physician Assistants (OSPA) beginning in 1988 and served his second
8 term beginning in 1995; and

9 Whereas Dave Jones was committed to lifelong learning, earning a
10 master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies from the University of
11 Nebraska in 2000; and

12 Whereas Dave Jones served on the OSPA Board of Directors for many
13 years and, as a member of the Legislative Committee of OSPA, advocated on
14 behalf of physician assistants in support of legislation to optimize the prac-
15 tices of physician assistants and recognize their important role in the health
16 care team; and

17 Whereas Dave Jones received the award for Outstanding Contributions
18 to Rural Health in 2008 from the Office of Rural Health at their annual
19 Oregon Rural Health Conference; and

20 Whereas Dave Jones served as a member of the Physician Assistant
21 Committee of the Oregon Medical Board from 2006 to 2012 and served several
22 times as a consultant to the board, reviewing cases under investigation by
23 the board; and

24 Whereas Dave Jones was recognized by the Oregon Health and Science
25 University Physician Assistant Program with the Karen Whitaker Knapp
26 Service Award, named for the former director of the Office of Rural Health,
27 for his commitment to rural practice and his service to the Condon commu-
28 nity as well as his contributions to the Physician Assistant Program; and

29 Whereas Dave Jones served as a member of the Condon School District
30 Board of Directors, the Condon Child Care Board of Trustees and the Tri-
31 County Home Health Agency Board of Trustees; and

1 Whereas Dave Jones served as the Gilliam County medical examiner until
2 the time of his death; and

3 Whereas Dave Jones was beloved by the Condon community he served so
4 selflessly and will be remembered by thousands of patients as a trusted ad-
5 visor and friend, by his neighbors and friends for his unique sense of humor
6 and booming voice, by the medical community as a dedicated educator and
7 ambassador, by his physician assistant friends for his advocacy in support
8 of the advancement of the physician assistant profession in Oregon and by
9 his family as a devoted husband, father, grandfather and uncle; and

10 Whereas Dave Jones leaves a legacy of care, compassion and service to
11 his adopted community and to the cause of rural health in Oregon; and

12 Whereas Dave Jones passed away on January 23, 2015, and will be greatly
13 missed by his wife, Karen Jones, his son and daughter-in-law, Tucker and
14 Stacy Jones, his grandsons, Rowan and Harris Jones, his sister and brother-
15 in-law, Patricia and Duane Rencken, and many nieces and nephews, as well
16 as his many physician assistant colleagues across this state; now, therefore,

17 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

18 That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, honor
19 David Michael “Dave” Jones for a lifetime of embodying exemplary charac-
20 ter, upstanding citizenship and selfless service; and be it further

21 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family
22 of Dave Jones as an expression of our sympathy and condolences.

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