

VERMONT MEDICAL SOCIETY MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

JOSEPH B. WARSHAW, M.D.

Whereas, Dr. Joseph B. Warshaw was Dean of the University of Vermont College of Medicine and Professor of Pediatrics, and an attending physician in Pediatrics at Fletcher Allen Health Care, from 2000 to 2003; and

Whereas, as Dean of the College of Medicine, Dr. Warshaw championed the education of the physician scientist, and strongly supported his or her important role in translating research discoveries into improved patient care; and

Whereas, under Dr. Warshaw's leadership, the MD/PhD program was formally launched at the University of Vermont College of Medicine, and today 12 students are pursuing this joint degree; and

Whereas, Dean Warshaw oversaw the implementation of the Vermont Integrated Curriculum -- a new medical curriculum at the College of Medicine that incorporates basic and clinical sciences, leadership and team building, in a way that prepares physicians for the 21st century; and

Whereas, Dean Warshaw was revered as a teacher at the College of Medicine, and his students and residents derived great benefit from his dean's rounds in pediatrics and his insightful questioning; and

Whereas, Dr. Warshaw was an internationally recognized expert on developmental biology and medical care for newborns, and published more than 100 scientific papers and six books on these and other child-health topics; and

Whereas, Dean Warshaw gave a keynote address at the Vermont Medical Society's 189th annual meeting where he said: "We need to continue to train "doctors" with qualities of empathy and caring, who remain curious and have a desire to continue to learn. Our students should not be thrust into a conflict of values that confuses the practice of medicine with the business of medicine;" and

Whereas, he went on to say: "We should continue to take pleasure out of learning and revel in the promise of modern medicine to prevent and alleviate suffering. We should collectively transmit to our students and colleagues the joy and continued privilege of a medical career;" and

Whereas, Dr. Warshaw lived a life that enriched the lives of others through his commitment to imparting knowledge, sense of inquiry, life of compassion, example of courage in the face of adversity and his eternal optimism; and

Whereas, he is survived by his wife, Cynthia, three children and six grandchildren; therefore be it

Resolved, that the condolences and deep-felt sympathy of his fellow physicians and friends at the Vermont Medical Society be extended to his family, students and colleagues at the University of Vermont College of Medicine, as well as our admiration, acknowledgement, and gratitude for Joseph B. Warshaw's life and his major contributions to the profession of medicine.