

House Resolution 1260

By: Representatives Barrett of the 24th, McDonald of the 26th, Jasperse of the 11th, Jones of the 25th, Cox of the 28th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. James R. Morrow; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians, the State of Georgia, and our entire
3 family medicine profession suffered the loss of a truly exemplary family physician, leader,
4 and friend, James R. Morrow, MD, on August 31, 2023, at age 69; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Dr. Morrow's patients tell countless stories of expert clinical insight and instinct
6 that enabled him to diagnose and successfully treat numerous patients with challenging, often
7 mysterious conditions when few others could; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Dr. Morrow served as the CEO of Morrow Family Medicine, a state-of-the-art
9 family practice in Cumming, Georgia, for 10 years, where he was adored by staff as a
10 mentor, a friend, and a trusted physician; and
- 11 WHEREAS, because Dr. Morrow always placed the needs of his patients before his own,
12 Morrow Family Medicine was named a "Top 25 Place to Work in Atlanta" and the "Best in
13 Forsyth" in Family Medicine for the past ten years in a row while the Cumming Forsyth
14 Chamber of Commerce named Dr. Morrow the Steve Bloom Entrepreneur of the Year in

15 2014; he was further honored as the recipient of the Phoenix Award as Community Leader
16 of the Year from the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce; and

17 WHEREAS, he was additionally honored by The University of South Carolina School of
18 Medicine with The Distinguished Humanitarian Physician Alumni of The Year for the work
19 he and his wife, Peggie, did in raising over \$400,000 for Forsyth County School, leading to
20 them being awarded the Hendricks Award for Forsyth County Schools; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Morrow published at least six books, which included a mystery novel
22 (Prescription for Revenge) and several self-help books that, according to the author,
23 "Guaranteed Success" in such areas as marital bliss, finances, weight loss, physical fitness
24 and stress management. Dr. Morrow had a great quote on the cover of each book that said
25 "the one thing you can do, to do the one thing you cannot do"; and

26 WHEREAS, being known as a leader and an evangelist for all health information technology,
27 Dr. Morrow served two terms as a commissioner to the Certification Commission for
28 Healthcare Information Technology (CCHIT) and volunteered as a member of several
29 committees for the Health Information Management & Systems Society (HIMSS), including
30 the Ambulatory Davies Award Selection Committee, the Ambulatory Information Systems
31 Steering Committee, the Katrina's Phoenix Task Force, and chairman of the Practice
32 Leadership Task Force; and

33 WHEREAS, reflective of his unique ability to balance diplomacy with rivalry and love in the
34 context of a happy marriage, Dr. Morrow managed to be both an avid Clemson Tigers fan
35 and a dedicated and loving husband to an equally passionate South Carolina Gamecock fan
36 and devoted wife; and

37 WHEREAS, Dr. Morrow is survived by his loving wife; his bonus daughter and son in law,
38 Stella and Efrain Morales; and their children (Anna, Alex, Mia, Jesse, nephew Chendo, and
39 honorary daughters). He is also survived by two daughters, Melissa Threat and Elizabeth
40 Gary; his sister, Corrie (Jim) Wiley; his nephews, James Wiley (Emily) and Matthew Wiley
41 (Bett); and five great-nieces and -nephews.

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
43 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. James R. Morrow and
44 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
46 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
47 family of Dr. James R. Morrow.