

WHEREAS, The Doctor of Veterinary Medicine stimulates growth in these Maryland industries through education, new feeding and reproduction technologies, and herd health management; and

WHEREAS, The Doctor of Veterinary Medicine provides vital care and treatment of pets, and these animals play an important role as companions and protectors, supplying love and devotion, especially to Maryland's elderly, handicapped, and juvenile citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Doctor of Veterinary Medicine discovers information through research that increases the nation's food supply; eliminates pain and suffering in livestock and companion animals; and unlocks the enigmas of many human diseases; and

WHEREAS, The Doctor of Veterinary Medicine safeguards the public health by evaluating and testing the quality of the products of food processing plants, restaurants, and water supplies; and

WHEREAS, As epidemiologists, they investigate disease outbreaks such as food-borne illness, plague, or rabies; and

WHEREAS, The first graduate veterinarian in the United States settled in Maryland in 1803, establishing the art and science of veterinary medicine for the first time on the North American Continent; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Veterinary Medical Association was established on September 28, 1885, to improve the quality of the health care of domestic animals and to utilize innovative scientific techniques in that care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the significant achievements and services of Maryland's Doctors of Veterinary Medicine be recognized in this centennial year of the Maryland Veterinary Medical Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to Mr. Ray Thompson, Executive Director, Maryland Veterinary Medical Association, 11031 McCormick Road, Hunt Valley, Maryland 21031.

Signed May 21, 1985.

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