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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

HONORING DR. VINCENT G. LOBO FOR HIS MEDICAL CAREER SPANNING NEARLY SIX DECADES AND HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS A PUBLIC-SPIRITED CITIZEN OF THE FIRST STATE.

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Vincent G. Lobo has been a practicing doctor of optometry in Harrington, Delaware, since 1959, and
2 a practicing Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine in that community since the mid-1960s; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Lobo was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1935 and moved with his parents to Southern Delaware at
4 the age of five years; and

5 WHEREAS, he was educated in local schools before matriculating first at the University of Delaware and then at the
6 Pennsylvania College Of Optometry in Philadelphia, completing his studies there in 1959; and

7 WHEREAS, upon his return to Harrington, he renewed his acquaintance from high school days with a young lady
8 who in 1960 became Mrs. Herla Lobo, with whom he has enjoyed nearly 57 years of wedded bliss, enriched by a son,
9 Steven, a daughter-in-law, Nichele, and two grandchildren, Lauren and Steven; and

10 WHEREAS, several years after entering the practice of optometry in Harrington, Dr. Lobo decided to return to school
11 to study medicine and enrolled at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, from which he graduated in 1965 as a
12 Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO), after commuting between Harrington, where he would practice optometry on
13 weekends, and Philadelphia, where he would study medicine during the week; and

14 WHEREAS, he has continued to practice both optometry and medicine in Harrington ever since, during which time
15 he has served many thousands of people from throughout Southern Delaware and the surrounding region and has had a
16 positive influence on the lives of several generations of area residents, including, but certainly not limited to, many
17 members of the Delaware General Assembly, past and present; and

18 WHEREAS, among his many patients and/or close personal friends in the General Assembly have been such
19 esteemed members of this body as Governor Ruth Ann Minner and members of her family, former President Pro Tempores
20 Thurman Adams, Jr. and Richard S. Cordrey, former Senator George Howard Bunting, Jr., former Representatives J.
21 Benjamin Ewing and G. Robert Quillen, Senators F. Gary Simpson and Bruce C. Ennis, and Representatives Bobby Outten,
22 David Wilson and Harvey R. Kenton among others; and

23 WHEREAS, in addition to his medical practice, Dr. Lobo has found the time to be a remarkably public-spirited and
24 active citizen, having served, among many other things, as town councilman and mayor of Harrington, town councilman
25 and mayor of Fenwick Island, where for many years he and his wife had a summer home; and

26 WHEREAS, Dr. Lobo was the first doctor of osteopathic medicine to serve as a member and president of the
27 Delaware State Board of Medical Practice, also serving as the board's liaison with the Delaware General Assembly; and

28 WHEREAS, Dr. Lobo was largely responsible for bringing about the full acceptance in the State of Delaware of
29 doctors of osteopathic medicine as full-fledged medical practitioners with the same rights to practice medicine as allopathic
30 physicians, known as MDs, helping in his capacity as president of the Delaware State Osteopathic Medical Society, helping
31 to win passage by the General Assembly of legislation that put DOs and MDs on an equal footing; and

32 WHEREAS, he has also served as a member of the board of directors of the Delaware Institute of Medical Education
33 and Research (DIMER), which oversees state scholarships for Delaware students wishing to attend medical school; and

34 WHEREAS, during the gubernatorial administration of his dear friend and longtime patient, Governor Ruth Ann
35 Minner, the governor signed into law legislation that provided state scholarships to Delaware students attending medical
36 school to become DOs, and often turned to Dr. Lobo for advice on health care policy; and

37 WHEREAS, when Dr. Lobo began practicing in Delaware as a DO in the 1960s, he was one of 35 DOs working in
38 the state, a number which has now risen, in no small part due to his efforts, to 334 DOs, with an additional 15 Delaware
39 students in the Class of 2020 at Dr. Lobo's alma mater, the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine; and

40 WHEREAS, Dr. Lobo has long been a loyal alumnus of the college, having served on its board of trustees and as
41 president of its alumni association; and

42 WHEREAS, Dr. Lobo was recently honored by the college with the award of its prestigious O.J. Snyder Memorial
43 Medal for 2017 for his many contributions to the college and to the practice of osteopathic medicine;

44 NOW, THEREFORE:

45 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 149th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
46 Representatives concurring therein, that the members do hereby honor the distinguished Delaware physician and
47 community leader, Dr. Vincent G. Lobo, DO, for his remarkable lifetime of service to the citizens of the First State and for
48 his efforts to encourage Delaware young people into pursuing medical careers.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Lobo upon
50 receiving well-deserved recognition from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members do hereby welcome Dr. Lobo and his family and friends to the
52 Senate and House chambers on this 28th Day of March, 2017, and direct that they be presented with suitable copies of this
53 Senate Concurrent Resolution upon its passage.

SYNOPSIS

This Resolution honors Dr. Vincent G. Lobo of Harrington and Bethany Beach for his long and distinguished career as a doctor of optometry, doctor of osteopathic medicine, and public-spirited citizen, and congratulates him upon his receipt of a prestigious award from his alma mater, the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

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