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RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF DARRELL C. BELCHER, M.D.

Whereas, Mercer County and residents of the entire region were saddened after learning of the passing of Darrell C. Belcher, MD on January 19, 2022 at age 81. Dr. Belcher was a longtime mainstay in the Mercer County medical community -- beloved by his patients, admired by his peers and a credit to his profession. A man of humble origins in Monroe County, WV, Dr. Belcher graduated from Greenville High School and was accepted to the prestigious Berea College in Kentucky in 1958 where he studied Scientific Agriculture. While at Berea, he shifted his academic in pre-med and earned both undergraduate and graduate degrees prior to entering Medical school at West Virginia University; and,

Whereas, soon after finishing medical school, he entered the U.S. Army, and served as a captain in country during the Vietnam War. He received a Bronze Star medal for performing surgery under fire in active combat. He honed his skills as a surgeon at several locations in the U.S., before completing his residency in orthopedics at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota from 1971-'75; and,

Whereas, Dr. Belcher started his medical practice in Princeton in 1976 and remained active in that practice until his retirement in 2019. As his 43-year practice grew, he became associated with Doctors Phillip Branson, Joe Crow and James Powers, but was also close with medical professionals in orthopedics as well as many other disciplines. His surgical skills, diverse appreciation for a myriad of scholarly pursuits and friendly bedside manor combined a true Renaissance man; and,

Whereas, a memorial celebration of Dr. Belcher's life will be held later this spring, but his family has encouraged those who wish to make a memorial gift in his honor to donate to Berea College.

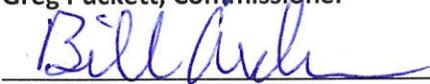
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Mercer County Commission wishes to express its heartfelt appreciation for Dr. Darrell Belcher's life of service to Mercer County, the state of West Virginia, our nation and the world we live in for his tireless commitment to all he helped as a physician, mentor, friend and devoted family member.

Dated this 8th day of February, 2022.

Mercer County Commission:


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