

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
COUNTY OF ESSEX

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RESOLUTION NO. _____
PROPOSED BY: FREEHOLDER GILL
SUBJECT:

AUTHORITY FOR RESOLUTION N.J.S.A. 40:41A-38(q)
AUTHORITY FOR ACTION C.C.E 2-29 (B)

IN MEMORIAM

GERALD E. RUBACKY, M.D.

WHEREAS, Gerald E. Rubacky, M.D., of Montclair, New Jersey, and Bonita Springs, Florida, is being remembered upon his passing from this life on Friday, April 3, 2020, at the age of 93 of complications from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Gerald E. Rubacky, M.D., affectionately known as "Jerry," was born in 1927, one of five children of Ellen and Joseph Rubacky of Passaic, New Jersey. He graduated from Yale University in 1948 and Georgetown University Medical School in 1953. He served as a captain in the Air Force during the Korean War and afterward, from 1953 to 1956. He did his medical residency in orthopedic surgery at Johns Hopkins Medical Center from 1956 to 1960; and

WHEREAS, Gerald E. Rubacky, M.D., is best-known professionally for performing the first anterior cervical discectomy and fusion in the state, in 1960, and the first total hip surgery in New Jersey, in 1981. He was an associate clinical professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Gerald E. Rubacky, M.D., was well known for his bold candor, sense of humor, easy conversation, and love of golf, and as a father who spent summers with his family in Orleans, Massachusetts. He was devoted to the advancement of the specialty of orthopedics, the training of residents, and oversight of patient care. He was especially proud of his work promoting the importance of objective medical peer review; and

WHEREAS, Gerald E. Rubacky, M.D., moved his young family from Baltimore, Maryland, to Montclair, New Jersey, in 1960. He became a founding partner of The Montclair Orthopedic Group, affiliated with Mountainside Hospital. He practiced orthopedic surgery for 36 years; and

WHEREAS, Gerald E. Rubacky, M.D., lived a purposeful life with a very large extended family, rewarding career, and extensive travel to many locales, including China (soon after Nixon reopened relations), Russia, Alaska, Western and Eastern Europe, and two exciting safaris on the Serengeti of Africa. As a child, he spent summers at Lake Mohawk. A neck fracture playing football played a hand in his choosing of orthopedics as a specialty. He was an avid golfer (and tennis player in his younger years) and long-time member of Montclair Golf Club. He fostered a deep love of sports in his children; and

WHEREAS, Gerald E. Rubacky, M.D., is survived by his wife, Marjorie McLaughlin Rubacky; eight children, Maryanne Rubacky, Gerald Rubacky Jr., Frank (and Kim) Rubacky, Maggie (and Ron) Chess, Katie (and Bob) Severance, Nora (and Tim) Keefe, Maeve (and Kevin) Walsh, and Michael (and Annie) Rubacky; 13 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; his sister, Ellen Tobin; and 39 nieces and nephews. His siblings are Ellen Tobin of Bay Head, the late Eugene Rubacky of Washington, D.C., the late Joseph Rubacky of Franklin Lakes, and the late Kay Willis of Rutherford; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby celebrates the life and mourns the passing of Gerald E. Rubacky, M.D., and offers their heartfelt condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Gerald E. Rubacky, M.D.

Approved as to form and legality _____

Michael J. P... ..
Freeholder Counsel

RECORD OF VOTE (X=Vote N.V.=Abstention ABS=Absent)

Moved by Freeholder _____

Second by Freeholder _____

Freeholder	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS	Freeholder	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS
COOPER					POMARES				
GRAHAM					RICHARDSON, V.P.	✓			
JOHNSON					SEBOLD				
LUCIANO									
MERCADO					GILL, PRES.				

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was () adopted () defeated () tabled by roll call vote at a _____ meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Essex, New Jersey held on _____

Is Publication Required () Yes () No

Date Published _____

Brendan W. Gill, President