

Resolution

IN MEMORY OF JERALD WAYNE STRICKLAND, O.D., Ph.D.

Whereas, Dr. Jerry Strickland served as an educator and academic administrator for more than 35 years at the University of Houston, from 1975 to 2014, as Dean of the College of Optometry, as Assistant Vice President for International Studies and Programs, and as Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor. Dr. Strickland also served as Dean of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry and chief academic officer from 1975 until 1979. He worked passionately and tirelessly in every aspect of his career to advance the profession of optometry through optometric education, public health, and public service; and

Whereas, Dr. Strickland exhibited exemplary vision and leadership and service to the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry as President of the organization and through service as Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, and Founding President of the Partnership Foundation for Optometric Education, and was previously recognized with the association's Service Award in 1980, and the Dr. Jack W. Bennett Award for innovation in healthcare education in 2004; and

Whereas, Dr. Strickland was an outstanding optometric educator who was awarded the Raymond I. Myers Award by the American Optometric Student Association. He taught optometry students and mentored graduate students for more than 40 years at Indiana University, Pennsylvania College of Optometry, and the University of Houston. Dr. Strickland was recognized by Proclamation of the Houston City Council as a person of significant influence in higher education and received the Greenwood Award for his role in educating future healthcare providers; and

Whereas, Dr. Strickland was an accomplished vision researcher with more than 14 peer-reviewed manuscripts, and numerous editorials published between 1959 and 1999. He was a NASA Trainee in Physiological Optics from 1963-1966. He gave more than 30 invited lectures in the United States and internationally, and was a recognized expert on topics related to vision, education, professional practice, and public health; and

Whereas, Dr. Strickland's devotion to and exceptional record of public service, and generosity, to numerous local, state, national, and international organizations has been extensively

recognized over his 45-year professional career. He has honorably served in the United States Air Force Medical Service Corps, and was commissioned as an Admiral in the Texas Navy. He was recognized by Resolution of the Houston City Council for his leadership in providing vision and eye care to the citizens of Houston, Texas. Dr. Strickland was honored by the Texas Optometric Association and received the, Optometrist of the Year Award, Distinguished Service Award, and the President's Award. Dr. Strickland also received numerous additional honors and awards for his work with universities in South America, including Colombia and Argentina. He was named the Honorary Chair of the Department of Optometry and Vision Science at Sun Yat-sen University of Medical Sciences, Guangzhou, China, and served as President of the Board of Trustees of the World Optometric Foundation; therefore

Be It Resolved, that ASCO, its member schools and colleges of Optometry and all faculty members throughout the community, extend heartfelt sympathy following his untimely passing to Dr. Strickland's family.