ASSOCIATION *of* SCHOOLS *and* COLLEGES *of* OPTOMETRY

Resolution

IN MEMORY OF RUTH MANNY, OD, PHD

Whereas, Dr. Ruth Esther Manny, OD, PhD, a distinguished clinician-scientist, educator, mentor, and advocate, passed away on January 3, 2026, leaving a legacy of extraordinary contributions to optometry, vision science, and patient care; and

Whereas, Dr. Manny devoted more than fifty years to the University of Houston College of Optometry, where she served as a professor, researcher, and clinician, shaping generations of students and advancing the field through her unwavering commitment to excellence; and

Whereas, she was an internationally recognized leader in pediatric eye care, whose research on infants, preschoolers, and children with developmental challenges transformed the diagnosis and treatment of conditions such as amblyopia, strabismus, and myopia, improving the lives of countless children worldwide; and

Whereas, Dr. Manny's scholarly impact was profound, with more than 130 peer-reviewed publications and thousands of citations, reflecting her lasting influence on clinical practice and scientific discovery within the profession; and

Whereas, she was a dedicated mentor who guided and inspired students, researchers, and clinicians, fostering a culture of rigor, integrity, and compassion, and whose mentees continue her work across the country and beyond; and

Whereas, known for her humility, generosity, and steadfast commitment to service, Dr. Manny prioritized the needs of her patients, students, and community, embodying the highest ideals of the profession and touching the lives of all who knew her; and

Whereas, her legacy endures through her contributions to science, her dedication to children's vision and access to care, and her lasting support of future optometrists through endowed scholarships and professorships; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry honors the life and legacy of Dr. Ruth Manny, recognizing her remarkable contributions to optometric education, research, and patient care; and, be it further

Resolved, that ASCO extends its deepest sympathy to Dr. Manny's family, colleagues, students, and friends, and expresses its profound gratitude for her enduring impact on the profession and the countless lives she touched.