



RESOLUTION NO. 17-03-07

Honoring the Life and Valuable Contributions of L. Douglas Lenkoski, M.D.

WHEREAS, the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County recognizes the valuable service and contributions that L. Douglas Lenkoski, M.D. has made during his life to help individuals triumph over mental illness and addiction, and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Lenkoski, was a founding Board Member of the original Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board (CCCMHB) - also known as the 648 Board - from 1967-1974, serving as Chairman of the CCCMHB from 1970-1972; returned to serve as a Member of the CCCMHB from 1994-2002 and again from 2004-2009, and,

WHEREAS, all through his years serving on the Board and his professional life, Dr. Lenkoski continually expressed his commitment, compassion and dedication to the people of Cuyahoga County and worked as a tireless advocate on behalf of people living with mental illness and addiction by influencing policy at the local, state and national levels; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Lenkoski received a B.A. in Biology from Harvard College in 1948 and his medical degree in 1953 from Western Reserve School of Medicine; served as an Army Air Force B-17 navigator stationed in Italy, interned at University Hospitals of Cleveland from 1953-1954; served as Assistant Resident in Psychiatry at Yale/Grace New Haven Hospital and University Hospitals from 1956-1957 and served as Chief Resident at University Hospitals from 1957-1958; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Lenkoski served as faculty in Psychiatry at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) from 1960 through his retirement in 1992 and has held numerous positions, including: Chairman, Department of Psychiatry and Director of the Substance Abuse Center, School of Medicine; Chief of Staff and Director of the Department of Psychiatry at University Hospitals; Director of Psychiatry at MetroHealth and was appointed Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry in 1992; and,

WHEREAS, during his years as Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at CWRU, he built and nurtured a department nationally recognized for excellence in the treatment of people living with mental illness, education of medical students, residents and other mental health professionals and research in neurosciences.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County honors the life of L. Douglas Lenkoski, M.D. and remembers his valuable contributions to the mental health and addiction treatment and recovery system in Cuyahoga County.
2. ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County extends its deep sympathy to the family, friends and colleagues of L. Douglas Lenkoski, M.D. and mourns the loss of a deeply dedicated professional and advocate of the community mental health and addiction treatment and recovery system.

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