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SYNOPSIS

Honors the life and work of Dr. Anthony Fauci.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring the life and work of Dr. Anthony Fauci.

WHEREAS, As the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) Director since 1984, Dr. Anthony Fauci has been at the forefront of the scientific response to prevent, diagnose and treat the world's most vexing infectious diseases, including HIV/AIDS, Zika, Ebola and many others; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fauci graduated first in his class from Cornell University Medical College and completed an internship and residency in internal medicine at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, In 1968, Dr. Fauci joined the NIAID as a clinical associate in the Laboratory of Clinical Investigation and has served in various leadership roles in NIAID that include serving as the Head of the Clinical Physiology Section in 1974 and the Chief of the Laboratory of Immunoregulation in 1980; and being appointed as the director of NIAID in 1984; and

WHEREAS, At NIAID, Dr. Fauci oversees an extensive portfolio of research to prevent, diagnose, and treat infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, as well as emerging and re-emerging diseases such as Ebola and Zika; and

WHEREAS, During his career at NIAID, Dr. Fauci has demonstrated scientifically grounded leadership through several health crises and outbreaks including the HIV/AIDS epidemic; SARS, bird and swine flu; and the Zika and Ebola viruses and has advised six United States presidents on domestic and global health issues; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fauci has made many contributions to basic and clinical research on the pathogenesis and treatment of immune-mediated and infectious diseases and has helped pioneered the field of human immunoregulation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fauci has made seminal discoveries to advance the understanding and treatment for HIV/AIDS and played a critical role in designing the national and international response to the epidemic, including contributing to the creation of the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), which has saved millions of lives throughout the world; and helping to change the public’s stigmatizing view of those with HIV to a public understanding of the mechanisms of its viral transmission and effective treatments; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fauci is the recipient of numerous awards for his scientific and global health accomplishments, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, which is the highest honor given to a civilian by the President of the United States, the National Medal of Science, and the Mary Woodard Lasker Award for Public Service; has been awarded 45 honorary doctoral degrees; and is the author, coauthor, or editor of more than 1,300 scientific publications, including several major textbooks; and

WHEREAS, In 2019 and 2020, Dr. Fauci served as a top advisor to the government on the public health and medical response to the COVID-19 pandemic and led NIAID-sponsored research on ways to prevent, treat, and better understand SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, During the coronavirus pandemic, Dr. Fauci has remained a leading and trusted voice for science and evidence-based decision-making, and his clear communication and even temperament have been key to advancing the understanding of the COVID-19 pandemic and promoting a massive, multilevel response; and

WHEREAS, It is proper and fitting that this State, which was an early epicenter for COVID-19 in the United States, recognizes Dr. Fauci for his leadership in public service and his contributions as a world-class scientist that have advanced global health security and saved millions of lives around the world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED *by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey (the Senate concurring):*

1. This Legislature hereby honors the life and work of Dr. Anthony Fauci as an exceptionally dedicated and talented physician, scientist, educator, administrator, spokesperson, politician, and advisor to our Congress and Presidents and recognizes his significant contributions to science, medicine, and the promotion of global health security.

2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly or the Secretary of the Senate to Dr. Anthony Fauci.

STATEMENT

This concurrent resolution honors the life and work of Dr. Anthony Fauci and recognizes his significant contributions to science, medicine, and the promotion of global health security. As the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) Director since 1984, Dr. Anthony Fauci has been at the forefront of the scientific response to prevent, diagnose and treat the world's most vexing infectious diseases, including HIV/AIDS, Zika, Ebola and many others. Dr. Fauci has made many contributions to basic and clinical research that have helped pioneered the field of human immunoregulation; and has made seminal discoveries to advance the understanding and treatment for HIV/AIDS. In 2019 and 2020, Dr. Fauci served as a top advisor to the government on the public health and medical response to the COVID-19 pandemic and led NIAID-sponsored research on ways to prevent, treat, and better understand SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19.

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