

## **A Resolution in Recognition of the Service of Dr. Peter K. Knoefel to the University of Louisville**

**Whereas**, Peter Klerner Knoefel was born in 1906 in New Albany, Indiana, received his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from the University of Wisconsin, and his M.D. (cum laude) with special honors in physiology from Harvard Medical School; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Knoefel served as an assistant (1927-1928) and an instructor (1928-1929) in the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Wisconsin, served as a National Research Council Fellow (1931-1932), and as a research associate (1932-1935) in the Department of Pharmacology at Vanderbilt University; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Knoefel joined the University of Louisville in 1935, where he served as assistant professor of pharmacology (1935-1938), associate professor of pharmacology (1938-1939), professor of pharmacology (1939-1968), and professor emeritus of pharmacology (1968-1999); and

**Whereas**, Dr. Knoefel was appointed and served as the first chairperson of the newly created Department of Pharmacology at the University of Louisville (1941-1966), where he recruited and led an outstanding faculty and program, and served as chairman emeritus (1966-1999) of the Department; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Knoefel established the graduate training program in pharmacology in 1954 and served as the advisor of four students receiving the Ph.D. degree; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Knoefel was a member of the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, The Society of Experimental Biology and Medicine, The American Chemical Society, and Sigma Xi; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Knoefel was an expert in nervous system pharmacology, renal pharmacology and tubular transport mechanisms; on snake venoms, and radiopaque substances; and published numerous articles in scientific journals on local and general anesthetics, central stimulants, autonomic drugs, spasmolytic drugs, alimentary drugs, cardiac output and fluid therapy, radiopaque substances, alcohol, renal transport, and drug distribution; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Knoefel authored a book on *Radiopaque Diagnostic Agents*, edited and contributed to two volumes of the *International Encyclopedia of Pharmacology and Therapeutics*, edited and contributed to a textbook on the *Absorption, Distribution, Transformation and Excretion of Drugs*; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Knoefel served as Visiting Professor at the Institute and Museum of History of Science, Florence, Italy, was a distinguished scholar on the history of pharmacology and medicine, wrote *Felice Fontana 1730-1805. An Annotated Bibliography; Felice Fontana Life and Works; Francesco Redi on Vipers*, and *A Hellenistic Treatise on Poisonous Animals (The "Theriaca" of Nicander of Colophon)*, and

**Whereas**, endowments have been established in his name to support an award for a graduating medical student at the University of Louisville who has shown special interest and ability in the basic and clinical areas of pharmacology, and for an endowed professorship in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Knoefel was universally admired, appreciated, and respected by his colleagues, students, and friends; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Knoefel's death on January 14, 1999, is a great loss to his friends and family, to the Department, the School of Medicine, and to the entire scientific community, all of whom hold him in highest respect and esteem; now

**Therefore Be It Resolved**, the Medical Council of the University of Louisville School of Medicine extends its deepest sympathy to his wife, the former Francesca Spina; and

**Be It Further Resolved** that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Medical Council this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year nineteen hundred ninety-nine.