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5 By: Senator Madison  
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8 **SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

9 MOURNING THE DEATH OF DR. DONALD BAY BAKER AND  
10 HONORING HIM FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE  
11 COMMUNITY AND MEDICAL PROFESSION.  
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16 SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND MEDICAL  
17 PROFESSION.  
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20 WHEREAS, Dr. Donald Bay Baker of Fayetteville, the son of Virgil L. and  
21 Lillian Bay Baker, born August 31, 1928, in Urbana, Illinois, died on Friday,  
22 December 12, 2003, at the age of 75; and  
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24 WHEREAS, Dr. Baker was universally loved, respected, and admired as a  
25 kind, benevolent, family physician who touched the lives of numerous families  
26 in the Fayetteville community; and  
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28 WHEREAS, after receiving his Doctor of Medicine from the University of  
29 Arkansas, Dr. Baker served in the Air Force from 1953 to 1956, returning to  
30 Fayetteville to practice family medicine in 1957; and  
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32 WHEREAS, during his years of practice, Dr. Baker was associated with  
33 Doctors Jim Patrick, Carrie Buckley, and Lee Parker at the Doctors' Building;  
34 served as Chief of Staff at Fayetteville City Hospital and Washington  
35 Regional Medical Center; and as President of the Washington County Medical  
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WHEREAS, Dr. Baker was a Fellow of the College of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review and served as a member and physician advisor to the Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Baker was devoted to the staff of Washington Regional Medical Center, serving twice as a member of the hospital's Board of Governors and being honored by the hospital in 1981 when its conference center was named after him; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Dr. Baker closed his private practice and joined the administrative team at Washington Regional Medical Center, becoming the first medical director of the hospital; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement, Dr. Baker received the Eagle Award for his outstanding contribution to health care in Northwest Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Baker served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Abilities Unlimited and was a life-long member and elder of the First United Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Baker was truly loved by his devoted patients and their families as a trusted advisor, physician, and friend,

NOW THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That the Senate mourns the passing of Dr. Donald Bay Baker and honors his years of service to the community and medical profession as a devoted physician, trusted advisor, friend, and credit to the medical profession.