

**LATE RESOLUTION 98-06A**

**Title: Support of Resident and Fellow Education In Michigan**

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**Referred to: Reference Committee E**

**House Action: Adopted**

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**Whereas, resident and fellow trainees are a valuable resource to the state of Michigan and the Michigan State Medical Society, and**

**Whereas, recently, orthopedic residents at the Detroit Medical Center (DMC) have recently faced the closure of their academic program, and**

**Whereas, the DMC orthopedic residents received little support from their educational program to seek positions elsewhere or professional guidance on how to salvage their training careers, and**

**Whereas, residency closures are not rare and could put future Michigan resident/fellows at risk; therefore be it**

**RESOLVED: That MSMS publicly advocate and provide professional support for residents/fellows in the event of training program closure; and be it further**

**RESOLVED: That MSMS hold training programs and sponsoring institutions publicly accountable when they fail to immediately notify residents of pending closures and promptly transfer residents to alternate accredited programs as soon as feasible with the least disruption to training; and be it further**

**RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to work with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, and other appropriate organizations to advocate for the development and implementation of effective policies to permit graduate medical education funding to follow the displaced resident physician from a closing to a receiving residency program, in the event of temporary or permanent residency program closure.**

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**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**