

# CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION



Dr. Mercedes Altizer McKiernan

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**Subject:** Resolution of Condolence for Mercedes Altizer McKiernan

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Mercedes Altizer McKiernan passed away peacefully on July 16, 2023, in Bellevue, Washington, at the age of 95, leaving behind a long legacy of service, compassion, and dedication to the art of healing; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Altizer was born on August 6, 1927, and pursued a distinguished medical career at a time when few women entered the field, graduating from the University of Washington School of Medicine in 1953; and

**WHEREAS**, she practiced family medicine in Portales, New Mexico; Lebanon, Oregon; and Silverton, Oregon, serving communities large and small with unwavering commitment until her retirement at the age of 76; and

**WHEREAS**, over the course of her decades-long career, Dr. Altizer touched countless lives through her care and compassion, representing the highest ideals of family medicine and leaving a lasting impact on the patients and families she served; and

WHEREAS, she became a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians on July 1, 1979, and was honored as a Life Member in 2020, a testament to her lifelong dedication to the field and her contributions to advancing family medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Altizer's legacy continues through the many lives she influenced and the professional path she helped pave for women in medicine;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE

**RESOLVED**, this resolution of condolence be placed before the AAFP Congress of Delegates and; BE IT FURTHER

**RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be conveyed to her family and loved ones with heartfelt sympathy and gratitude for Dr. Altizer's exemplary life of service and the profound difference she made in her community and profession.