**OKLAHOMA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution 2: A-2023**

**Introduced by:** Oklahoma AMA Delegation and Tulsa County Medical Society

**Subject:** Memorial Resolution – Preston Phillips, MD

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Preston Phillips passed from this earth at age 59-years-old on June 1st, 2022 as an innocent victim from a senseless act of violence at his clinic in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Phillips earned advanced degrees in organic chemistry and pharmacology, as well as theology from Emory University; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Phillips was a 1990 graduate of Harvard Medical School, completed two fellowships at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston in 1986 and 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr.Phillips completed his orthopedic surgery residency at Yale New Haven Hospital in Connecticut; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Phillips was a member of the American Medical Association, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Oklahoma State Medical Association and Tulsa County Medical Society; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Phillips worked as a board-certified orthopedic surgeon with an interest in spinal surgery, joint reconstruction – including joint replacement and the treatment of fractures; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Phillips served on the board of directors for Tulsa’s John Hope Franklin Center for Reconciliation in the Greenwood District, which works within the community to change the nature of Tulsa’s relationship with its tumultuous past of racial violence surrounding the Tulsa Race Massacre; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Phillips was a volunteer for Project TCMS, the Tulsa County Medical Society’s program to provide speciality health services to low-income, uninsured residents of Tulsa County; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Phillips was described by his employer Staint Francis’ CEO Dr. Cliff Robertson as "one of those doctors that was cut from the cloth of four decades ago in terms of how he felt about people and how he felt about his calling, so not only is it a shock, it is the ultimate loss for Saint Francis and for Tulsa;” therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That our Oklahoma State Medical Association acknowledge with deep gratitude and sincere appreciation the work performed by Preston Phillips, MD, in service of the practice of medicine; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That our Oklahoma State Medical Association extend its heartfelt condolences to the family of Preston Phillips, MD, and adopt this resolution as an expression of deepest respect for our colleague and dear friend and our grief at his passing.