

RESOLUTION

Honoring the Memory of Dr. Donald L. Tuverson, 1928-2023

- Whereas:** Dr. Donald L. Tuverson, member of the Southern California Component of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists, who although retired from the practice of orthodontics since 1999, has been missed for several decades for his legendary example, contributions and service to the Society and his chosen profession; and
- Whereas:** We have learned with profound regret and sense of loss of his death on January 26, 2023 at the age of 94 at his Point Loma home in San Diego, California; and
- Whereas:** Although not a California native, Don grew up in and around Pasadena, California. At the conclusion of WWII, he joined the Marine Corp (age 17) and made a name for himself winning Pacific fleet boxing awards for his weight class. After his military service he used his GI bill benefits to fund an education starting at John Muir Junior College in Pasadena and eventually becoming a triple graduate of the University of Southern California, including his dental and orthodontic degrees; and
- Whereas:** Upon graduating he started an orthodontic practice in Pasadena and rose to professional prominence rubbing shoulders with the likes of Drs. Robert Ricketts, Howard Lang, Roscoe Keaty, Wayne Watson and Lee Logan in the Angle Society. He rose through all the offices both locally and nationally and planned and presided as President over the 2001 Angle Biennial in Hawaii just 3 weeks after the 9/11 attacks; and
- Whereas:** His rise had many professional influences such as becoming a Diplomate of the American of Board of Orthodontics and membership in the Pierre Fauchard Academy, OKU, the American Academy of Dentists, the Tweed Society and many more. In the 1970s and 1980s his lecturing was in high demand nationally and internationally triggered by his personal energy and attention to the details needed for excellence in his orthodontic patients. Dr. Tuverson was perhaps most famous for his contributions to the development and lecturing on canine substitution for small, missing or damaged lateral incisors. Although this was not his only published article, in the 1970 AJODO, he documented his now famous cases and technique on reshaping canines and closing the lateral incisor spaces. His other contributions included papers and respected presentations on gnathological finishing of orthodontic cases, adult orthodontics, unusual extraction patterns, indirect bonding, equilibration and mesiodistal reduction of teeth to improve esthetics and periodontal health. He also was asked to lecture on practice management and clinical efficiency; and
- Whereas:** Don taught at USC for 50+ years as an Associate Clinical Professor and was honored to have the predoctoral orthodontic clinic named after him for service to the school and to orthodontics specifically. The PCSO honored him in 1995 with the Award of Merit to recognize his very significant lifetime contributions to the orthodontic profession; and
- Whereas:** Don had several other passions outside of orthodontics including family, USC Trojan football, deep sea fishing and biking; and
- Whereas:** Don's wife, Judy, passed away a few years before him. He is survived by his son, Eric, three daughters, Mya, Leah and Claire, 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren; and

Therefore, Be It Resolved:

That this resolution be presented before the Board of Directors of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists as an expression of our deep sense of loss and that it be entered into the minutes of this Forty-fifth Biennial Meeting and that a copy of this resolution be sent to his daughter, Claire Rule, as an indication of our profound sense of loss and our admiration and gratitude for his many years of distinguished service and friendship.

Respectfully submitted,

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