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Dear colleagues,

Last week, American medicine lost one of its true leaders. Ronald Davis, MD, immediate past president of the American Medical Association, died on Nov 6 at home surrounded by his family and loved ones. Diagnosed with metastatic pancreatic cancer earlier this year, Dr. Davis approached this serious illness with the courage, conviction, and good humor that he displayed throughout his life.

A powerful champion for public health, Dr. Davis advocated for the centrality of preventive medicine in the everyday work of all physicians. As a gesture of our

affection and respect for him, we dedicate this issue of Virtual Mentor on preventive medicine to Dr. Ronald M. Davis.

For those who had the good fortune to know him, Dr. Davis was a down-to-earth guy who never let the trappings of power get to his head. Ron, you will be missed, but your legacy will live on.

Your friend and colleague,

Audrey