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### Dr. Ralph R. Salimpour Honored in the Congressional Record On the Occasion of Father's Day

**Sherman Oaks, CA---**Ralph R. Salimpour, MD, DCH, FAAP, the senior attending physician of the highly-acclaimed Salimpour Pediatric Medical Group, was honored in the United States Congressional Directory on the occasion of Father's Day. He was the subject of a tribute by California Congresswoman Linda T. Sanchez (38<sup>th</sup> Congressional District) to an audience of legislative representatives.

According to Sanchez, "Blessed, indeed, is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father. The name Ralph Salimpour has become synonymous with charity and commitment in the greater Los Angeles area. Indeed, Ralph Salimpour is blessed with selflessly giving his energy and his love and dedicating his life to those most in need."

Salimpour, the father of NexCare Collaborative co-founders Dr. Pejman Salimpour and Dr. Pedram Salimpour, is internationally recognized as a global expert in the fields of pediatric Tetanus, Malnutrition and Rickets and produced the largest published series of scientific papers on Tetanus and Rickets worldwide. He has practiced medicine on three continents over the span of nearly five decades, attending the Shiraz School of Medicine in Iran, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of England and Cedars-Sinai Medical Center—UCLA School of Medicine.

In Iran, Dr. Salimpour was the Director of the Research Institute of Child Health, where he described (for the first time) Rickets and its etiology in tropical countries. This pioneering research eventually helped to change the American Academy of Pediatrics' recommendation for Vitamin D supplementation in breastfed babies, starving off the debilitating disease in America. His research and his leadership in the treatment of

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Tetanus cut the mortality rate of this horrific disease from a devastating 100% of half of that value, directly resulting in countless saved lives. He also tackled the issue of malnutrition in Iran, demonstrating that it resulted from poor education rather than poverty.

As a practicing pediatrician in Southern California and a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the UCLA School of Medicine, Dr. Salimpour has been honored with a number of awards, including: the prestigious Governor's Commendation from the State of California and the Award of Excellence from California's Vaccine for Children Program.

Dr. Salimpour is a founding Board member of NexCare Collaborative, which has assisted more than 100,000 Southern California families and helped enroll more than 18,000 children into free or low-cost health insurance programs.

Married to his wife Farah for 44 years, the two have raised four children: Pejman, Pedram, Sherry and Nilou and have six grandchildren: Koby, Alexa, Branden, Gabriella, Allen and Ariella.

Congresswoman Sanchez concluded her tribute with these words: "Mother Teresa once said, 'I slept and dreamed that life is all joy. I woke up and saw that life is all service. I served and saw that service is joy.' Dr. Salimpour has improved the human condition by way of perseverance and leadership. He has passed on these ideals to his students as a professor of pediatrics, to his tens of thousands of patients and to his children and grandchildren. As we approach Father's Day, I salute Dr. Salimpour for his blessings as a 'father to many'."

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