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Paul Somerville

and

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welcome you to the

MEN *of* DISTINCTION

ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

honoring

The Honorable George H.W. Bush

The Honorable James A. Baker, III

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May 2, 2012
River Oaks Country Club



Paul Somerville
*2012 Men of Distinction
Awards Luncheon Chair*

Dear Friends and Supporters of Men of Distinction,

It is with great pleasure that we celebrate and recognize this year's very special honorees. These two men, together and individually have made a tremendous impact on our city, our state, our country and the world.

These world leaders have served our country with tireless energy and their dedicated service has benefited mankind around the globe. They will be remembered in the annals of history for many generations. We are blessed to have them as members of our community and that they continue to serve and support the efforts for a better society and lifestyle

We are very pleased with the continued growth of this event and the support that each of you has generously contributed. The researchers at the Texas Medical Center are leaders in discoveries that will ensure a better, healthier life for many children today and in the future thanks to your support of the Men of Distinction luncheon.

I would like to thank each of you, our generous donors and sponsors for supporting this wonderful event and helping us raise over \$1.8M to date for this exceptional program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Somerville". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul Somerville

LUNCHEON CHAIR
Paul Somerville

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Back row left to right: David Wuthrich, ED McMahon, Steve Mach, Patrick Burk

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Ronald A. DePinho, M.D.

Dear 2012 *Men of Distinction*:

The Honorable George H.W. Bush and The Honorable James A. Baker III have done so much for our country and for the Houston community over the years, often working in tandem, that it is most fitting for them to be jointly honored as 2012 Men of Distinction. On behalf of everyone at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, I am deeply honored to congratulate these two truly great statesmen who have given of themselves for the benefit of others throughout their varied and fascinating careers on the world stage.

These distinguished gentlemen have lived up to the highest of standards for service and dedication, and they have set brilliant examples for all of us. We at MD Anderson are especially grateful, as both have long been generous with their time and support of our efforts in Making Cancer History®, serving as devoted members of MD Anderson's Board of Visitors.

We also are grateful for the Men of Distinction organization bolstering important programs locally, including the exceptional immunotherapy research conducted by Laurence Cooper, M.D., Ph.D., professor in MD Anderson Children's Cancer Hospital. This funding will further development and implementation of groundbreaking immunotherapies that promise safer, effective and efficient treatment for children with cancer around the world. Such support is vital to our medical community's progress, and we thank you.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald A. DePinho".

Ronald A. DePinho, M.D.

President, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center



Paul E. Klotman, M.D.

Dear 2012 *Men of Distinction*:

What a pleasure it is for Baylor College of Medicine to be part of an event honoring two extraordinary leaders – former President George H.W. Bush and former Secretary of State James A. Baker III. They have a long record of service to our country and support to our community. They truly are “men of distinction.”

The Men of Distinction organization has been a great friend to Baylor. And again this year, we will benefit from your generosity. Specifically, the research team of Dr. Brendan Lee will be supported by your efforts. Dr. Lee is studying the genetics and treatment of skeletal dysplasias and osteosarcoma in children. Our goal is to find answers to bone and cartilage diseases that affect so many babies and children.

We greatly appreciate your support of this important research.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul E. Klotman".

Paul E. Klotman, M.D.

President and CEO, Baylor College of Medicine

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WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

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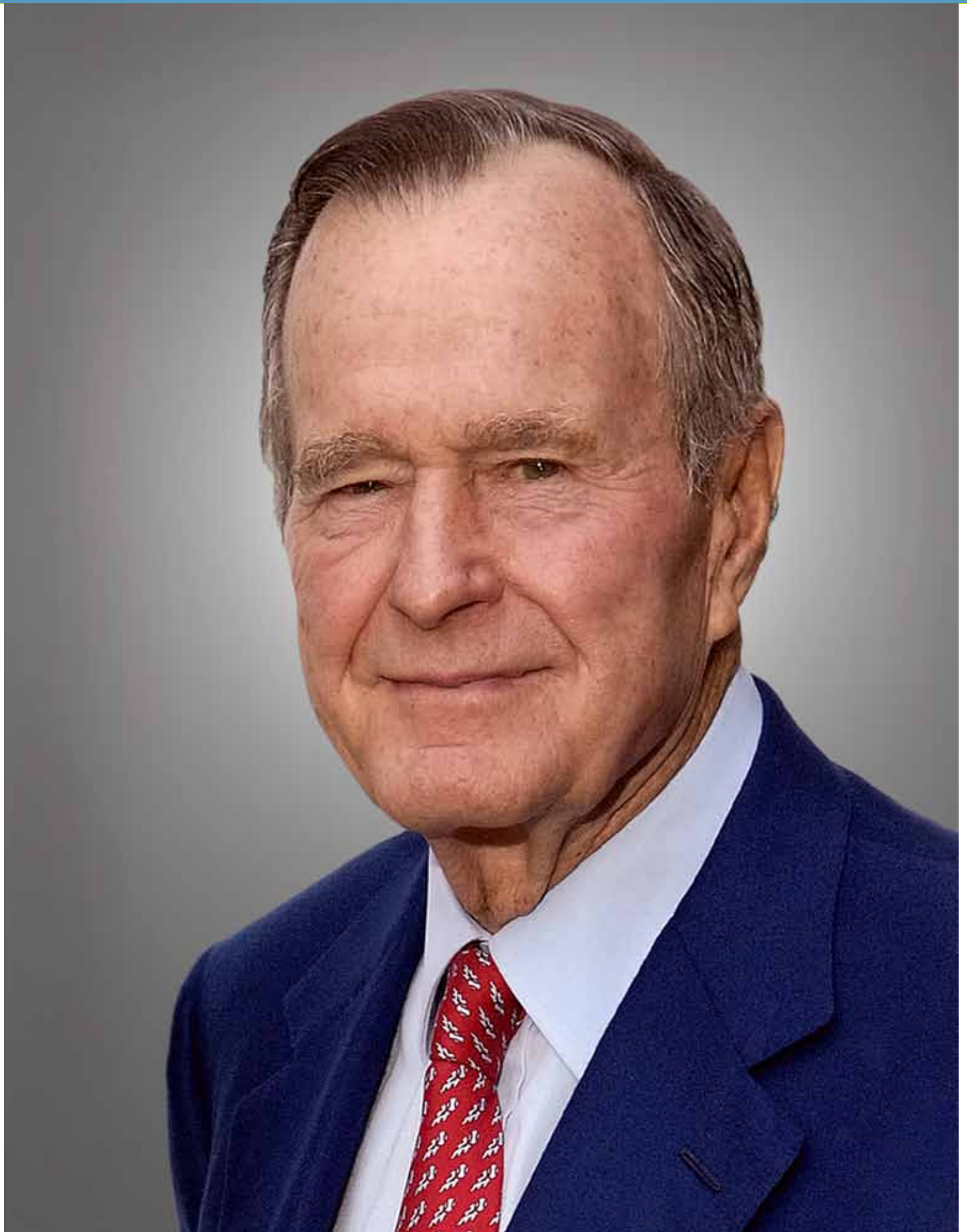
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THE HONORABLE JAMES A. BAKER, III

James A. Baker, III, has served in senior government positions under three United States Presidents. He served as the nation's 61st Secretary of State from January 1989 through August 1992 under President George Bush. During his tenure at the State Department, Mr. Baker traveled to 90 foreign countries as the United States confronted the unprecedented challenges and opportunities of the post-Cold War era. Mr. Baker served as the 67th Secretary of the Treasury from 1985 to 1988 under President Ronald Reagan. As Treasury Secretary, he was also Chairman of the President's Economic Policy Council. From 1981 to 1985, he served as White House Chief of Staff to President Reagan. Mr. Baker's record of public service began in 1975 as Under Secretary of Commerce to President Gerald Ford. It concluded with his service as White House Chief of Staff and Senior Counselor to President Bush from August 1992 to January 1993. Long active in American presidential politics, Mr. Baker led presidential campaigns for Presidents Ford, Reagan, and Bush over the course of five consecutive presidential elections from 1976 to 1992. A native Houstonian, Mr. Baker graduated from Princeton University in 1952. After two years of active duty as a lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, he entered The University of Texas School of Law at Austin. He received his J.D. with honors in 1957 and practiced law with the Houston firm of Andrews and Kurth from 1957 to 1975. Mr. Baker's memoir, "Work Hard, Study . . . and Keep Out of Politics! Adventures and Lessons from an Unexpected Public Life," was published in October 2006. Mr. Baker received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1991 and has been the recipient of many other awards for distinguished public service, including Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson Award, The American Institute for Public Service's Jefferson Award, Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government Award, The Hans J. Morgenthau Award, The George F. Kennan Award, the Department of the Treasury's Alexander Hamilton Award, the Department of State's Distinguished Service Award, and numerous honorary academic degrees. Mr. Baker is presently a senior partner in the law firm of Baker Botts. He is Honorary Chairman of the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University and serves on the board of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. From 1997 to 2004, Mr. Baker served as the Personal Envoy of United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan in seeking a political solution to the conflict over Western Sahara. In 2003, Mr. Baker was appointed Special Presidential Envoy for President George W. Bush on the issue of Iraqi debt. In 2005, he was co-chair, with former President Jimmy Carter, of the Commission on Federal Election Reform. In 2006, Mr. Baker and former U.S. Congressman Lee H. Hamilton served as the co-chairs of the Iraq Study Group, a bipartisan blue-ribbon panel on Iraq. In 2008, Mr. Baker and the late Secretary of State Warren Christopher served as co-chairs of the National War Powers Commission. Mr. Baker was born in Houston, Texas, in 1930. He and his wife, the former Susan Garrett, currently reside in Houston, and have eight children and eighteen grandchildren.





THE HONORABLE GEORGE H.W. BUSH
THE FORTY-FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

George Bush was sworn in as president of the United States in January 1989 and served until January 1993. During his term in office, the Cold War ended; the threat of nuclear war was drastically reduced; the Soviet Union ceased to exist, replaced by a democratic Russia with the Baltic states becoming free; the Berlin Wall fell and Germany was reunified, and he put together an unprecedented coalition of 32 nations to liberate Kuwait after it was invaded by Iraq.

President Bush was the first sitting vice president to ascend to the presidency since 1837, and he was also only the second American president to serve a full term without party control in either chamber of Congress. Nevertheless, among the laws President Bush signed into effect were the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Clean Air Act – landmark civil rights and environmental legislation. He also successfully fought for and negotiated the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which was later signed into law.

President Bush has written three books: *Looking Forward*, an autobiography; *A World Transformed*, co-authored with General Brent Scowcroft, on foreign policy during his administration, and *All The Best*, a collection of letters written throughout his life. In 2008, President Bush's diary, written during his time in China, was published under the title, *The China Diary of George H.W. Bush – The Making of a Global President*.

Since leaving office, President Bush has helped to raise hundreds of millions of dollars for charity. He is a Life Member of the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Board of Visitors and served as chairman of the board from 2001 to 2003; is honorary chairman of the Points of Light Institute; and, with Mrs. Bush, was the founding co-chair of C-Change, a coalition of cancer organizations. He served from 2006 to 2008 as Chairman of the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia and received the Liberty Medal from that organization in September of 2006. He also takes an active role in The George Bush Presidential Library and Museum, and the George Bush School of Government and Public Service, both located on the campus of Texas A&M University.

At the request of President George W. Bush, President Bush worked with President Bill Clinton to help raise funds to aid in the relief efforts following the catastrophic tsunami in Southeast Asia and Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Coast states. In 2006, he served as U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan's Special Envoy for the South Asia earthquake. Following the destruction caused by Hurricane Ike on the Gulf Coast in September of 2008, President Bush again joined with President Clinton to form the Bush-Clinton Gulf Coast Recovery Fund to aid in the reconstruction of Gulf Coast infrastructure.

In February 2011, President Barack Obama awarded President Bush the Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award a President can give.

Born on June 12, 1924, in Milton, Mass., George Bush became a decorated naval pilot who flew torpedo bombers during World War II. In 1944, he was shot down over the island of Chi Chi Jima and rescued. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Yale University in 1948 with a degree in economics, he and his wife Barbara moved to Texas, where he began making his way in the oil business. President Bush's career in politics and public service began in 1963, when he was elected chairman of the Harris County (Texas) Republican Party. He was elected in 1966 to the U.S. House of Representatives from Texas' Seventh District and served two terms. Before serving as vice president from 1981 to 1989 under Ronald Reagan, President Bush held a number of senior-level positions, including U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, Chief of the U.S. Liaison Office in China, and Director of Central Intelligence.



GEORGE BUSH

May 2, 2012

Dear Men of Distinction,

Please accept my heartfelt appreciation for the distinguished honor of being recognized as a Man of Distinction. I am sorry I cannot be with you today, but I'm thrilled that my son Neil is accepting on my behalf.

Barbara and I have made our home in Houston, in part due to the magnificent spirit of generosity and the can-do attitude evidenced by all of you and the city of Houston. I applaud your efforts to provide funding for research in the Texas Medical Center focused on diseases that impact our children. I am truly honored to be recognized next to my good friend, James Baker.

Best wishes for continued success in the future.

Warm Regards,

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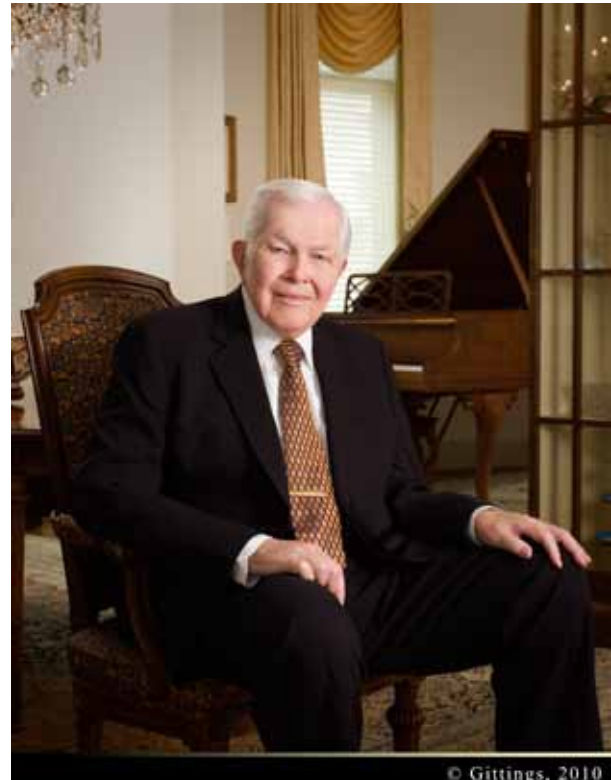
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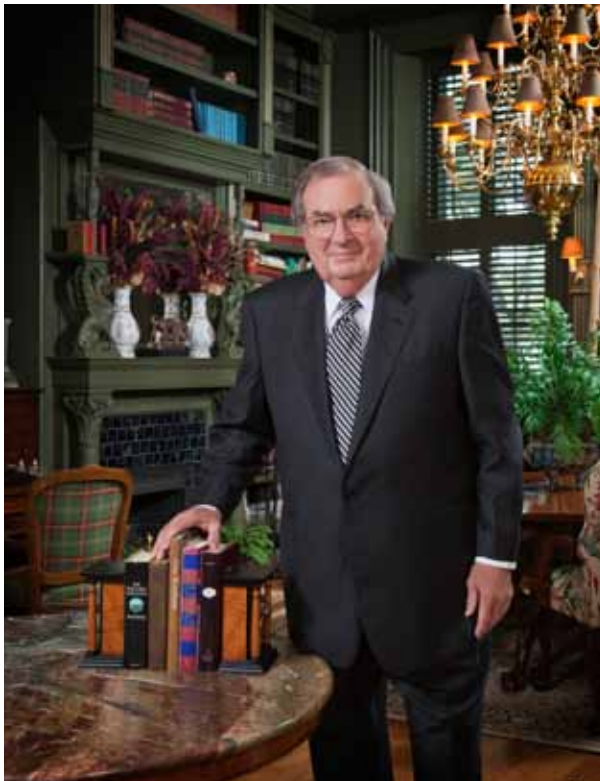
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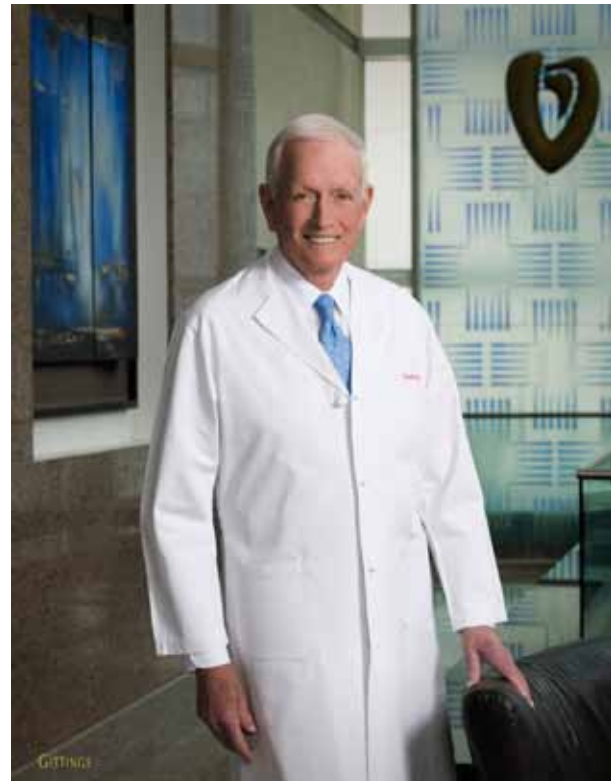
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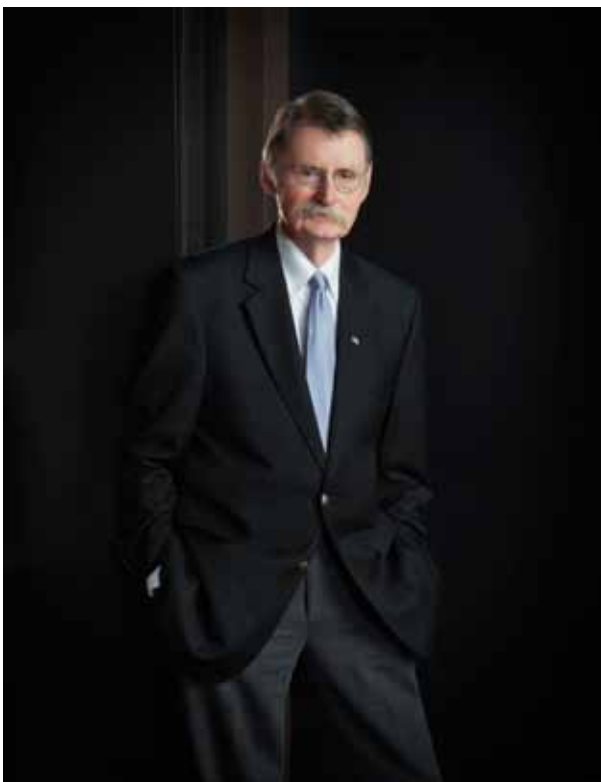
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2012 MEN OF DISTINCTION PROGRAM BENEFICIARY

BRENDAN LEE, M.D., PH.D.

*Director, Bone Disease Program of Texas
Baylor College of Medicine*



Dr. Lee is a Professor in the Department of Molecular and Human Genetics at Baylor College of Medicine, and an Investigator of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Dr. Lee directs the joint M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and Baylor College of Medicine Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence Bone Disease Program of Texas. He is also Founder and Director of the Skeletal Dysplasia Clinic at Texas Children's Hospital and Founder and Director of the Medical Student Research Track at Baylor College of Medicine. He also leads the Baylor College of Medicine Urea Cycle Disorders Rare Disease Clinical Research Network.

As a pediatrician and geneticist, Dr. Lee studies structural birth defects and inborn errors of metabolism. Dr. Lee identified the first genetic causes of human skeletal dysplasias, birth defects that affect either the growth or strength of the skeleton. Most recently, he has studied the causes of brittle bone disease in children. In so doing, he is developing new approaches for diagnosing and treating these disorders. These conditions may present with hundreds of fractures at birth or isolated osteoporosis in children. The treatments have helped children who were destined to be wheelchair bound because of bony fractures and deformities to now be able to walk and run in everyday life. Diseases that affect bone and cartilage in the skeleton are found in over 40% of all birth defects in babies and children. They are a major cause of long term disability often presenting with

severe short stature and/or brittle bones. Children and adolescents with these "skeletal dysplasias" suffer from what are otherwise thought of as adult diseases, such as premature osteoarthritis and osteoporosis. The mission of our research program is to identify the genetic causes of these conditions and to develop new treatments. For example, children with spinal abnormalities may have problems with proteins in the NOTCH signaling pathway. NOTCH proteins are critical for maintaining bone strength and growth of cartilage. When over active, they can cause bone cancer. By understanding how NOTCH proteins are expressed, we hope to develop new treatment approaches to bone cancer and osteoporosis.

Dr. Lee has received local and national recognition including induction into the American Association of Physicians, the American Society for Clinical Investigation, the Texas Academy of Medicine, Science, and Technology Edith and Peter O'Donnell Award in Medicine, the E. Meade Johnson Award for Pediatrics Research, the Michael E. DeBakey Excellence in Research Award, and the American Philosophical Society's Judson Darland Prize for Patient-Oriented Clinical Investigation.



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LAURENCE J.N. COOPER, MD., PH.D.

Turning Immune Cells into Childhood Cancer Fighters

at The University of Texas MD Anderson Children's Cancer Hospital



Developing new, effective and safe therapies for children, adolescents and young adults with cancer is Dr. Cooper's unwavering priority. As head of the Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplantation (Cell Therapy) Section at MD Anderson Children's Cancer Hospital, he and his team of experts are translating basic science discoveries into, targeted therapies harnessing the body's immune system to attack childhood cancers.

Dr. Cooper's novel approach is based on genetically reprogramming a patient's own T cells, a type of immune cell, to seek and destroy cancer cells. Now being tested solely at MD Anderson for the first time in humans, these immune-based therapies offer new hope for treating leukemia and lymphoma as well as solid tumors such as brain tumors, Ewing's sarcoma and osteosarcoma.

Dr. Cooper holds a joint appointment in MD Anderson's Department of Immunology and collaborates with a multitude of investigators in immunology, melanoma, lymphoma and other areas who share his research focus and passion for the therapeutic potential of T-cell therapies. This groundbreaking program is poised to make the first significant difference in pediatric cancer treatment in more than two decades.

Dr. Cooper's research has led him to found a company and hold multiple patents. He holds the Grant Taylor, W. W. Sutow and Margaret Sullivan Distinguished Professorship in Pediatrics. He is a former National Institutes of Health Research Center Scholar, Scholar of the Sidney Kimmel Foundation for Cancer Research and Leukemia Society of America Fellow, and the principal investigator for numerous initiatives and trials. In 2007, he was elected to membership in the American Society for Clinical Investigation, which honors outstanding physician-scientists. Other tributes paid to Cooper include the induction into the American Society for Clinical Investigation, the American Society of Gene Therapy Young Investigator Award, and the American Society of Clinical Oncology Young Investigator Award, and MD Anderson's "Best Boss" Award and Faculty Scholar Award.

Men of Distinction is pleased to be a part of Dr. Cooper's innovative research program.



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2007

George D. Ferry, M.D.

Director of the Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center at Texas Children's Hospital

James Versalovic, M.D., Ph.D.

Director of the Microbiology Laboratories at Texas Children's Hospital

2008

C. Kent Osborne, M.D.

Director of the Dan L. Duncan Cancer Center and the Lester and Sue Smith Breast Center at Baylor College of Medicine

David G. Poplack, M.D.

Director of the Texas Children's Cancer Center and Deputy Director of the Dan L. Duncan Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine

2009

Huda Y. Zoghbi, M.D.

Director of the Jan and Dan Duncan Neurological Research Institute at Texas Children's Hospital

Judith Z. Feigin, Ed.D.

Executive Director, Bridges Program, and Chief at the Clinic for Attention Problems, Diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorders, and the Learning Support Center for Child Psychology at Texas Children's Hospital

2010

ZoAnn E. Dreyer, M.D.

Medical Director, Long-Term Survivors Program at Texas Children's Cancer Center

Cynthia E. Herzog, M.D.

Director of Clinical Research, Department of Pediatrics, at The University, of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

2011

Brendan Lee, M.D., PH.D.

Director, Bone Disease Program of Texas at Baylor College of Medicine

Donald L. Yee, M.D.

Director, Hemostasis and Thrombosis Program at Texas Children's Hospital





Mission Statement



The mission of the Men of Distinction Annual Awards Luncheon is to recognize Houston men who have distinguished themselves through excellence in community achievement, thereby providing support in superior biomedical research, education, and patient care for children in the Texas Medical Center and directly benefiting the Houston community.

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