



IN MEMORIAM

The life of one extraordinary Dr. Michael Ellis DeBakey ended on July 11, 2008. Literally one of a kind, his dedication to the pursuit of excellence in all of his life's endeavors will be, perhaps, the most enduring of his many legacies. Those of us in Houston and the Texas Medical Center have been the beneficiaries of his vision and intellect whether directly or indirectly. And because of his extraordinary breadth of experience and knowledge in medical affairs for over 60 years, his counsel will be sorely missed. He has carried the banner of the entire Texas Medical Center on his shoulders with dignity and conviction for a very long time. We and for that matter, the entire world, owe him a very large measure of gratitude. As a grain of sand in a large beach, this journal can thank its existence in large part to his enthusiastic support and guidance. We too, will miss his humor and sly grin as he makes his point - sometimes not so subtly. An extensive memorial will appear in the next issue.

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