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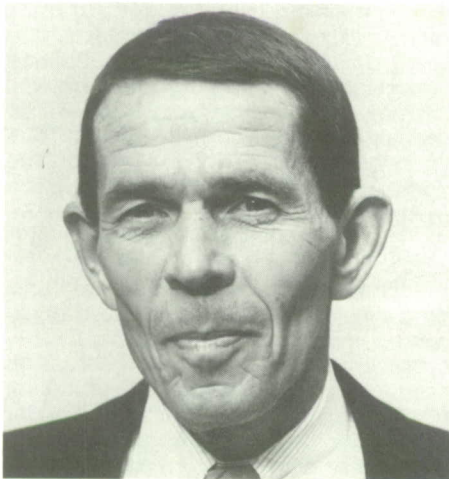
CHARLES B. WILSON M.D., HONORED GUEST OF THE CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS

Charles Byron Wilson was born August 31, 1929, in Neosho, Missouri, in the heart of the Ozarks. Known as the City of Flowers, Neosho (pop. 5,000) was featured in *Life* magazine as a typical 1940's American small town. Dr. Wilson's father was a druggist and an important member of the community.

As a young man, Dr. Wilson was influenced by a Tulane alumnus living in Neosho, and went to New Orleans on a football scholarship, planning to enter either medicine or the ministry. His career at halfback was relatively short lived and he settled on medicine, graduating first in his class in 1954. Dr. George Burch, the esteemed cardiologist, nearly convinced Dr. Wilson to go into internal medicine. Dr. Wilson took a rotating internship and 1 year in pathology at Charity Hospital, finding neuropathology, neurology and neuroanatomy fascinating. He was drawn to neurosurgery by Dr. Dean Echols, the respected mentor of many Tulane neurosurgeons. During his time in New Orleans, Dr. Wilson was able to put his musical talent to work playing the piano in the French Quarter.

After completing his residency at Tulane, he joined the faculty briefly before becoming Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery at Louisiana State University Medical School from 1961 to 1963, and won the Best Teacher Award in 1963. That same year he moved to Lexington, Kentucky, and established the Division of Neurosurgery at the University of Kentucky. While there, he pursued his increasing interest in malignant gliomas and developed laboratory and clinical research programs. He received both the Outstanding Clinical Instructor and Outstanding Clinical Professor Awards at Kentucky. He then was named Professor and Chairman of the Division of Neurosurgery at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), in 1968, and established the internationally respected Department of Neurosurgery there in 1970. He has been Tong-Po Kan Professor of Neurosurgery since 1985.

Dr. Wilson has expertise and extensive experience in many facets of neurosurgery, and has a special interest in pituitary



Charles B. Wilson, M.D., Honored Guest

disorders, having performed more than 2,000 transsphenoidal operations. Aneurysms, particularly of the posterior circulation, and the cervical spine also are areas of particular interest. However, Dr. Wilson justifiably is most proud of his accomplishments related to the establishment of the Brain Tumor Research Center at UCSF, which not only treats over 400 brain tumor patients each year, but also has contributed extensively to basic and applied research in neurooncology.

He has received numerous awards and honors and has been the Wilder Penfield Lecturer, the Herbert Olivecrona Lecturer, and the R. Eustace Semmes Lecturer. He has published over 500 articles and chapters and has served on numerous editorial boards, including that of the *Journal of Neurosurgery* which he chaired from 1981 to 1983.

Dr. Wilson is a charismatic, scholarly, dedicated and energetic leader and surgeon. He has contributed significantly to medical science and trained a growing number of neurosurgeons who are continuing his tradition of excellence in patient care and investigation of nervous system disorders. We are delighted to have him as the Honored Guest for the Congress of Neurological Surgeons Annual Meeting in Los Angeles.

Lawrence H. Pitts, M.D.

1990 CNS ANNUAL MEETING

Plans for the Scientific and Social Programs for the 40th Annual Meeting of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) have been completed. The meeting starts on Saturday, October 20, 1990, and will run through Thursday, October 25, 1990. The main convention hotel is the Century Plaza Hotel and Tower. Special highlights of this meeting include three major scientific presentations by our Honored Guest, Dr. Charles B. Wilson, on glioblastomas, cryptic vascular malformations and endocrine-inactive pituitary adenomas.

The Scientific Program will begin with a special three hour workshop on Sunday morning aimed at educating neurosurgeons on techniques to better influence politicians and funding providers, during the "Decade of the Brain." The workshop is entitled "Techniques for Influencing and Educating Politicians for Philanthropic Fund Raising." An outstanding panel of four individuals will be directed and moderated by Dr. Russell Travis, the current Chairman of the Joint Council of State Neurosurgical Societies (JCSNS). The panel will consist of Dr. Albert Rhoton, immediate Past-President of the AANS, and two Washington attorneys. Mr. Charles Plante, who is an attorney and a lobbyist for neurosurgery in Washington, will also participate on the panel. Considering the political climate in Washington and the potential changes in the delivery of neurosurgical care, this workshop should provide valuable insight into possible ways we may influence this process.

Practical courses will be held on Sunday. These courses will again include skull base surgery, cervical and thoracolumbar spine instrumentation, stereotactic surgery and aneurysm surgery. An exciting course on endovascular interventional neurosurgery will be presented for the first time. On Sunday afternoon a special course on the management of vascular malformations will be offered. The Section on Pediatric Neurosurgery and the Section on Functional and Stereotactic Surgery will also put on their programs on Sunday afternoon.

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