

### **Award of Appreciation to Charles E. Speaks**

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The second Award of Appreciation this evening goes to a person who received his BS and MA degrees from Ohio University, and the PhD from the University of Michigan. He began his academic career as a Research Associate at the Houston Speech and Hearing Center, then moved a bit north to the Baylor University College of Medicine, and a few years later, quite a bit north to the University of Minnesota. He rose quickly through the professorial ranks and led the Department of Communication Disorders as its Chair for 22 years, a long tenure of demonstrated leadership to his department and our discipline.

His scholarly research, teaching, and department leadership have been supported by grants from the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Rehabilitation Services Administration, and the U.S. Office of Education. His publications and scientific presentations began in 1965 and have continued in a steady and focused fashion every year since then. His work in the areas of hearing, measurement of speech identification and intelligibility, effects of various stimuli and disorders on dichotic listening, hearing aid performance characteristics, and other such titles are highly regarded. His book, *Introduction to Sound: Acoustics for the Hearing and Speech Sciences* is now in its third edition.

Even though his main job title was administrative in nature, our honoree was held in high regard for his teaching and advising. He was named Distinguished Teacher for the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota in 1977. He also received an Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contribution to Undergraduate Education in 1995, and was inducted into the University of Minnesota Academy of Distinguished Teachers in 1999. He directed over 50 theses and Plan B papers, and 10 doctoral dissertations.

His service contributions extended well outside the university. He served as editor to ASHA Monographs and the Fundamentals of Communication Science Series as well as an associate editor to the Journal of Speech-Language-Hearing Research. He was so frequently appointed to committees and working groups for the National Academy of Science that he is now an alumni member for the Committee on Hearing, Bioacoustics, and Biomechanics for the Academy. His service to ASHA has also been outstanding. He served on the Committee on Audiologic Standards, the Scientific and Professional Meeting Board, the Publications Board, the Ethical Practices Board, and the Council on Professional Standards, to name a few.

Our recipient has also served the Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders well. He has been a presenter of issue papers, member of the Honors and Awards Committee twice, a member of the working Group on Support Personnel, and a Member of the Executive Board from 1997-1999, when he served as Secretary. Fellow board members during that time can tell you that those meetings were often enlivened by our honoree's wit and wording changes of what we thought we'd said as interpreted in many fewer words by our secretary. Council members will recognize our honoree as a man who often spoke his mind, directed our attention to important matters, and cared deeply about our discipline.

On behalf of the Council, it is my honor to present the Award of Appreciation to Dr. Charles E. Speaks of the University of Minnesota.