

2009 PRESENTATION OF  
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*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 for superior biomedical research, education, and patient care in the Texas Medical Center and directly benefiting the Houston community.*

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Jack Kendall

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# MEN *of* DISTINCTION

ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

*honoring*

Denton A. Cooley, M.D.

Drayton McLane, Jr.

J. Virgil Waggoner

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May 6, 2009  
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**Jack Kendall**  
*2009 Men of Distinction  
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Dear 2009 *Men of Distinction*:

Thank you for allowing us to honor you for your commitment to excellence and dedication to the betterment of our community. Your outstanding accomplishments are true examples of medical expertise, business acumen and philanthropy that have certainly shaped the city of Houston and beyond.

We are proud to recognize you and the extraordinary programs that will benefit from today's luncheon proceeds. Every day, the doctors and researchers at the Texas Medical Center strive to make new inroads and discoveries to benefit all patients in their field. These dedicated professionals are the best of the best and we're proud that they call Houston home.

I would also like to thank the 2009 Men of Distinction Steering Committee for their continued inspiration of this program – they are truly the driving force behind the event and its success.

Sincerest thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jack Kendall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jack" and last name "Kendall" clearly legible.

Jack Kendall



## LUNCHEON CHAIR

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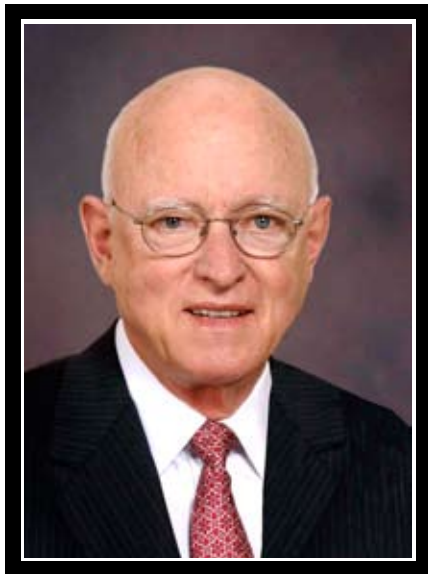
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Dear 2009 *Men of Distinction*:

Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital are proud to present you with the 2009 *Men of Distinction* award in recognition of your landmark contributions to the Houston community.

The annual awards luncheon honors outstanding Houston men who have distinguished themselves through their leadership as businessmen, volunteers and philanthropists and helps support the future of healthcare by raising funds for biomedical research, education and patient care in the Texas Medical Center.

Today, as we honor your many trailblazing achievements, we are reminded of a famous quote from playwright George Bernard Shaw:

"Some men see things as they are and say, 'Why?' I dream things that never were and say, 'Why not?'"

Dr. Denton A. Cooley, Drayton McLane, Jr., and J. Virgil Waggoner, you are indeed three men who dared to say "why not." You have helped propel Houston -- and the world -- into new eras in healthcare, business, industry and philanthropy. Your commitment to excellence will inspire for generations to come, and Houston is a better place because of your visionary leadership and dedication to the community.

On behalf of the faculty, physicians and trustees of Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital, we happily celebrate your recognition as *Men of Distinction* and welcome you to your rightful place among the company of Houston's most distinguished men.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William T. Butler".

William T. Butler, M.D.  
Interim President  
Baylor College of Medicine

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Wallace".

Mark A. Wallace  
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# ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON PROGRAM



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## DENTON A. COOLEY, M.D.

Denton Cooley, son of a Houston dentist, was born in 1920. He attended Houston public schools and graduated from San Jacinto High School. Attending The University of Texas, he was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity and a member of the Southwest Conference Champion Basketball teams of that era. He graduated with highest honors and Phi Beta Kappa. He attended the University of Texas Medical School at Galveston for two years and transferred to Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore where he graduated in 1944 with highest honors and Alpha Omega Alpha. He completed his surgical residency under Dr. Alfred Blalock serving for six years with a leave of absence between 1946 and 1948 to serve military duty in the 124th Station Hospital, Linz, Austria. Upon completing his residency, he joined Mr. Russell Brock at Brompton Hospital in London, England where he was Senior Surgical Registrar.

Upon completing his training, he entered the full-time medical faculty of Baylor College of Medicine where he served from 1951 to 1969, when he resigned to become Chief Surgeon at the Texas Heart Institute. Dr. Cooley is a member or honorary member of over 50 professional societies around the world and a dozen fraternities and clubs.

Among his more than 120 honors and awards are the Grand Hamdan International Award for Medical Science presented in Dubai, November, 2000, the National Medal of Technology presented by President Clinton in 1999, the Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award, presented by President Reagan in 1984, the Theodore Roosevelt award given by the National Collegiate Athletic Association to a varsity athlete who has achieved national recognition in his profession and the Rene Leriche Prize, the highest honor of the International Surgical Society for cardiovascular contributions. He has been named Distinguished Alumnus for both The University of Texas and Johns Hopkins University where he served on the Board of Trustees. He has received honorary degrees from five American universities and three foreign. He has been named Honorary Fellow of five Royal Colleges of Surgery, Glasgow, Scotland, Australasia, Ireland, England and Edinburgh. Dr. Cooley has received decorations from 12 foreign countries including Argentina, Ecuador, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Spain, The Netherlands and Venezuela.

He has contributed to the techniques for repair and replacement of diseased heart valves and is widely known for his pioneering surgical treatment of cardiac anomalies of infants and children. Dr. Cooley and his team have performed over 100,000 open heart operations at his hospital.

Dr. Cooley believes his major accomplishment has been the creation of the Texas Heart Institute and developing a school of surgery. More than 800 surgeons are members of the Cooley Surgical Society.

The Denton A. Cooley Building completed in 2002 for the Texas Heart Institute, was provided largely by donations from patients, friends and colleagues. It has facilities for education, research, and 12 operating rooms for cardiovascular surgery.

Dr. Cooley has been married for 59 years to Louise Thomas Cooley. They have five daughters and sixteen grandchildren. He enjoys his family at their ranch and at their Galveston beach house. Dr. Cooley enjoys many hobbies, but currently is hooked on golf.









## DRAYTON McLANE, JR.

Drayton McLane serves as chairman of the McLane Group and is the CEO of the Houston Astros Baseball Club. A native Texan, this acclaimed businessman, leader, and generous philanthropist, ensures the focus of all his endeavors is based upon strong Christian values and moral ethics.

Mr. McLane received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Baylor University and his Master of Business Administration degree from Michigan State University. The grandson of a successful entrepreneur, Drayton experienced firsthand the hard work and dedication it takes to successfully thrive in industry. He began developing his tireless work ethic at age nine by working for his father at the family's wholesale grocery business, the McLane Company. By earning the respect and admiration of his co-workers, he became president and CEO of the company in 1964 and held these positions for thirty years.

During his tenure, he propelled the McLane Company into a nineteen billion dollar company, achieving an average growth rate of thirty percent per year. Following the McLane Company's merger with Wal-Mart, Inc. in 1990, he became vice-chairman of Wal-Mart while maintaining his positions at the McLane Company. After playing key roles in each of these companies' growth and productivity he resigned in order to devote more time to the McLane Group, a parent company consisting of family-owned companies operating throughout the world, and to the Houston Astros where he has served as Chairman and CEO. Drayton McLane is in his sixteenth season with the Astros. Since purchasing the team in 1993, the Astros rank second in the National League and fifth in the Majors in winning percentage. Their philosophy remains consistent – bring home a World Series championship to Houston and make a positive difference in the community.

The recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Boy Scouts of America Silver Buffalo Award, the Woodrow Wilson Award for Public Service, the University of St. Thomas' Ethical Leadership Award and the Dallas Baptist University Russell H. Perry Free Enterprise Award, Drayton McLane also serves on many area boards, including serving as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Scott & White Memorial Hospital, an Executive Committee Member of Major League Baseball, Vice President of the Executive Board of the National Board of the Boy Scouts of America and Board Directors of both the Greater Houston Partnership and the United Way of the Gulf Coast of Texas.

Drayton and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Temple, Texas. They are proud parents and grandparents. They have two sons, Drayton McLane III and Denton McLane. Drayton III and wife Amy have two sons, Drayton IV and Brooks McLane. Denton and his wife Amy, also have two sons, Jeff and Jake McLane.





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## J. VIRGIL WAGGONER

His distinguished career as a leading petrochemical industry executive began in 1950 when he joined Monsanto Company in Texas City. Thirty-five years later, he retired as President of El Paso Products and became an independent consultant. He negotiated the purchase of Monsanto's Texas City plant and formed the legendary Sterling Chemicals, Inc. Mr. Waggoner served as President and Chief Executive Officer from the firm's founding in August, 1986 until its sale and his retirement in 1996, but continued as Vice Chairman of the Board until May, 1998. Under his leadership, Sterling Chemicals became a public company (listed from 1988, until its sale, on the New York Stock Exchange) and has been included in both the Forbes and Fortune 500.

Mr. Waggoner describes the greatest challenge of his business career as "waking up on August 2, 1986, and realizing "we'd completed a leveraged buy-out of Monsanto-Texas City, and we were \$200 million in debt! And then feeling comfortable that the management team could succeed, pay off the debt and realize the potential we had projected. Also Gordon Cain (Sterling's Chairman) and I wanted all the employees to share in the company's ultimate success." In fact, the company was a phenomenal success, and the employee plans for stock ownership and profit-sharing became a business legend and model of generosity.

Mr. Waggoner participates in many civic and community activities, including membership on the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Board of Visitors (Executive Committee), University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center (Development Committee), Baylor College of Medicine, past Chairman and current member of the Advisory Council of the College of Natural Sciences at the University of Texas at Austin, past Chairman and current Board member of the Good Samaritan Foundation, and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (Lifetime Director). Other past involvements include past Chairman of both Phyto-Riker Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and GulfWest Energy Company, and Development Committee member for Ouachita Baptist University, membership on the Board and Executive Committee of the Houston Museum of Natural Science, member of the Board of Directors for Orbis International (the world's only flying eye hospital) and President and CEO of Sterling Chemicals.

In 1993, Virgil and June Waggoner formed The Waggoners Foundation which focused on four areas of giving: 1) homeless and underprivileged, 2) medical research and support, 3) science, and 4) education. Among many major gifts is their \$5 million grant to the College of Natural Sciences at the University of Texas at Austin, to establish a research center to investigate the molecular genetics of alcohol dependence. In recognition of their longtime support of cancer-related research, Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner were named 1997 Pacesetters by the Cancer League. They were also honorees of the 1998 American Heart Association, Northwest Harris County, Boys & Girls Country (1998), UT-Austin Development Board (2000), and Houston Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse, as they funded a Speakers Series in memory of their son, Jay. Virgil was also selected as a Distinguished Alumnus in 2000 for UT-Austin.

Emphasizing the commitment to global needs and "bridge-building" thrust of the family's philanthropy, Mr. Waggoner commented, "When you've been fortunate to travel the world, you see the tremendous needs and how terribly important it is to help. The ultimate achievement is for those who come after you to say that the world is a better place because you were here. Anyone as lucky as we are ought to be willing to share their good fortune."

Since his "retirement," Virgil Waggoner has initiated a number of new business ventures, celebrated 60 years of marriage with his wife, June, and enjoyed more leisure time with the family and three grandchildren. Portions of his time are also spent with accelerated activities of the family foundation.





2009 MEN OF DISTINCTION PROGRAM BENEFICIARY

HUDA Y. ZOGHBI, M.D.

*Director, Jan and Dan Duncan Neurological Research Institute  
at Texas Children's Hospital*



Internationally renowned scientist Dr. Huda Zoghbi is a specialist in Texas Children's neurology service is an investigator with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and holds full professorships at Baylor College of Medicine in the departments of pediatrics, neuroscience and molecular and human genetics.

Her interests range from neurodevelopment to neurodegeneration. Dr. Zoghbi first made headlines when she codiscovered the gene that causes spinocerebellar ataxia type 1, a crippling neurological disease, and again when they discovered that mutations in MeCP2 cause Rett syndrome, a disorder that affects the neurodevelopmental process in girls. Mutations in this gene may also be responsible for a broad spectrum of disorders from mild mental retardation to autism. Recently, she and her colleagues identified the gene Math 1 that regulates the growth of tiny inner ear hair cells, essential elements of hearing and balance in mammals.

Dr. Zoghbi is a member of several professional organizations and serves on the editorial boards of a number of prominent journals. She has received numerous honors for medical and scientific achievement, including the E. Mead Johnson Award from the Society of Pediatric Research—the nation's most distinguished pediatric research award—and the Javits Award from the National Institutes of Health. She was elected in 2000 to the Institute of Medicine and in 2004, to the National Academy of Sciences.

As director of the Jan and Dan Duncan Neurological Research Institute, she is leading an effort that is the only one of its kind in the world. The institute, now under construction in the Texas Medical Center, is dedicated to accelerating the study and treatment of neurodevelopmental disorders in children, not only to help countless children, but also to help drive answers in adult neurological disorders like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and ALS.



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JUDITH Z. FEIGIN, ED.D.

*Executive Director, Bridges Program*



Dr. Judith Z. Feigin is chief of service for Texas Children's Hospital clinic for attention problems, clinic for diagnosis of autistic spectrum disorders, and the Learning Support Center for Child Psychology. She is also a clinical assistant professor in the department of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine. She founded the Learning Support Center in 1986 and in 2001 she founded the Bridges Therapeutic Program for preschool children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders.

Dr. Feigin received a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Houston, a master's degree from St. Louis University and Bachelor of Science from Hunter College, New York City. She holds Texas Teacher Life Certification in Language and/or Learning Disabilities and is a Professional Educational Diagnostician. Her primary focus is on cognitive disorders and social and cognitive adjustment.

Bridges provides an individualized therapeutic program for families with young children using the Developmental, Individual, Relationship-based Program (DIR®) model for children with autism and other developmental disorders. It uses a comprehensive multidisciplinary approach to assist each child in reaching his or her social/emotional, communicative, physical and cognitive potential and works with families to develop techniques and behaviors that will help and support the child.





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