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In Memoriam of Dr. Michael E. DeBakey

The members of the Board of Directors of the Greater Houston Partnership wish to express their sense of sorrow and loss at the death of Dr. Michael E. DeBakey.


Last year, we had the privilege of honoring Dr. DeBakey with our Houston's Greatest Lifetime Achievement Award for his pioneering contributions to medicine and the Houston region. His innovative work in cardiovascular surgery brought people from all over the world to our city – world leaders and luminaries as well as every day citizens.

The impact of Dr. DeBakey on both the Texas Medical Center and Houston's economic development lies, to a great extent, in the tremendous amount of medical talent his advances in cardiovascular research and innovative treatments attracted to Houston. It made Houston — and, in particular the Texas Medical Center — a world-renowned center for cardiovascular treatment. While people across the globe have benefited from his tireless work to advance knowledge of cardiovascular disease and its treatment, the reputation of the institutions he served, and the city in which he did so, have been ennobled by the fact that Houston is where Dr. DeBakey chose to develop his career.

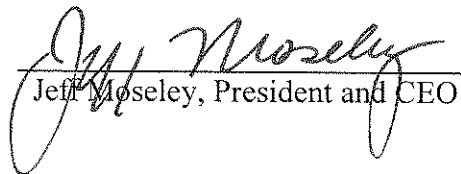
Dr. DeBakey's motto was, "Strive for nothing less than excellence," and he certainly lived by those words. During his career, Dr. DeBakey performed more than 50,000 surgeries. Among his many accomplishments are: the first successful carotid endarterectomy in 1953; one of the first to perform coronary artery bypass surgery; developed several innovative arterial surgical procedures and coronary bypass surgery; worked on developing artificial hearts and partial hearts (Ventricular Assist Devices); and lectured across the world in support of building cardiovascular centers.

DeBakey High School for Health Professions, the Methodist DeBakey Heart & Vascular Center and the Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Houston are named after him. Several atraumatic vascular surgical clamps and forceps that he introduced also bear his name.

Dr. DeBakey was a true innovator and pioneer in the field of medicine. While he will be missed, his legacy has left an indelible impression on the medical field and our region.



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