In memoriam

WILSON WEATHERFORD, MD

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Wilson Weatherford, MD, died on August 8, 2018, two days after his 86th birthday. Dr. Weatherford's distinguished career included more than 50 years on the medical staff of Baylor University Medical Center (BUMC). During those four decades, he directly and indirectly connected thousands of patients with compassionate care and made major contributions that advanced the health care system. Dr. Weatherford's interview with the editor of *BUMC Proceedings* was published in 2002 (15:403-413), which described his life and career. After graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School, he went to Texas A&M, where he received a bachelor of science degree, the distinguished student award, and the distinguished military graduate award. He then went to the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, where he received his medical degree in 1958. His rotating internship was at BUMC. Thereafter, he was a Public Health Service officer for the city of Dallas for several months and served in the army for

2 years in Germany, where he received the Army Commendation Medal for Achievements in Preventive Medicine. He returned to BUMC to complete his 3-year residency in internal medicine. From 1965 to 1996, Dr. Weatherford had a large private practice of internal medicine. He was medical director of Employee Health Services of BUMC from 1971 to 1992. In 1989, Dr. Weatherford was president of the medical staff, and in 1990, he was chairman of the medical board of BUMC. Also in 1989, he helped found and became medical director of the Baylor Center for Restorative Care; in 1994, he was named chief of the Division of Geriatrics of the Department of Internal Medicine of BUMC. Dr. Weatherford was instrumental in forming the Baylor Senior Health Network and the Baylor Senior Health Centers and remained medical director of that operation, leading them to national recognition. He leaves a significant legacy.