

Citation for Prof. Adelola Adeloye

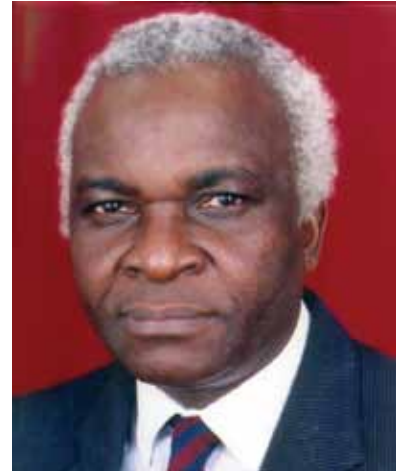
by *Edward R. Laws, MD, FACS*

Mr. President it is a great pleasure to introduce Prof. Adelola Adeloye of Ibadan, Nigeria, for Honorary Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons. He is the most revered figure in all of African neurosurgery, setting a marvelous example for all who have followed him.

In the U.S., we have one neurosurgeon for approximately 60,000 of our citizens. In Africa, this number is one to 250,000, and there are some countries where the figure is one to 16 million people. It is difficult to imagine the courage and dedication of those individuals willing to take on the daunting challenge of providing neurosurgical care under such circumstances. Professor Adeloye has done so, and has done it with grace, wit, and intellect that complement his surgical and educational skills.

Born in Nigeria, Professor Adeloye received his medical education at the University College of London's affiliate, University College Medical School in Ibadan. His surgical and neurosurgical education were completed in the UK, culminating in his fellowship in the Royal College of Surgeons of England. He completed an MS thesis in neurological surgery, and was a registrar at The National Hospital at Queen Square, under Mr. Valentine Logue and Mr. Lindsay Symon, who also became an Honorary Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Upon returning to Nigeria, he served with distinction during the Nigerian Civil War at the Base Hospital, organized by the University College Hospital, Ibadan. This experience was the foundation for his world-



Professor Adeloye

renowned expertise in missile wounds and head injury, the subject of one of his many books. Later he was to spend two years as head of a neurotrauma unit in Kuwait, and was actively saving

lives during the Iraq invasion of 1990.

Ultimately, Dr. Adeloye became professor and chair of neurosurgery at the University College, Ibadan, serving with distinction until his retirement in 1995. During his 24-year tenure there, he was responsible for training many outstanding African neurosurgeons and was a superb administrator, investigator, and clinical surgeon.

His educational activities included 10 years as a consultant

to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Malawi, helping to develop a fine neurosurgical unit there.

His academic work in neurosurgery includes many original scientific papers and monographs, and the original description of congenital dermoid cyst of the anterior fontanel, which bears his eponym.

A man for all seasons, Professor Adeloye is a published poet, biographer, historian, and essayist. His wife is a physician, and their family is also extraordi-

nary. One of his several books is a charming account of his amazingly talented father, entitled *A Village Genius*.

Mr. President, it is my special honor to present Prof. Adelola Adeloye for Honorary Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons. His compassion and kindness are legendary, and along with his dedication and energy, help him stand as a superb role model for all of us in our lives and our work as Fellows of the American College of Surgeons.