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News Release

MATHIS NAMED TO HEALTHCARE HALL OF FAME



Larry L. Mathis, the former longtime CEO of Houston Methodist Hospital System, who changed the future of healthcare delivery during his tenure as a CEO and leader in his field, was inducted into the Healthcare Hall of Fame on March 13, 2016.

Modern Healthcare magazine and the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) created the award to bring recognition to those who “made outstanding contributions and extraordinary strides in the health care industry.”

Mathis spent 26 years at what was then The Methodist Hospital System in Houston, more than half of them as its President and CEO. Mathis joined

Houston Methodist in 1971 as an administrative resident. He was promoted through the executive ranks and named president and CEO in 1983. He guided the organization through dramatic changes in the health care industry. Under his leadership, Houston Methodist grew from a single-site hospital in the Texas Medical Center to a System of 16 corporations and 37 affiliated hospitals in the USA and abroad.

Mathis led the patient-centered approach to healthcare delivery and focused on delivering the best quality and service anywhere in the world. He created an organization that annually attracted patients from all 50 states and 85 foreign countries.

Houston Methodist received numerous national awards for its achievements under Mathis' leadership, including being named among the best hospitals by *U.S. News & World Report* and being named one of the *100 Best Companies to Work for in America*. Mathis' national leadership was recognized by *Business*

Week magazine, which named him one of the five best managers in non-profit health services in the U.S. In 1991, the *Health Care 500* named him as one of

the 24 most influential health policy makers in the U.S. He also received the Medal of Freedom from the U.S. Department of Treasury for contributions to Federal commissions on health care payments and technology.

“I am surprised, humbled and very grateful to be included in the Healthcare Hall of Fame,” Mathis said. “I believe that I was selected because I spent my entire professional career at Houston Methodist, a world-class, major teaching hospital system in the world’s largest medical center. And that I had an outstanding team of leaders who were with me throughout my tenure and worked their hearts out every day to accomplish miracles.”

He has served as an independent director of healthcare-related companies, including Alexion Pharmaceuticals and Centerpulse and currently serves on

the board of Healthcare Trust of America. He is also Vice-Chairman Emeritus of the Foundation of the Harris County Hospital District, the charity care network of hospitals in the Houston area. Mathis is the author of the healthcare industry bestselling book, *The Mathis Maxims: Lessons in Leadership*.

Mathis joined 100 other industry luminaries who have been inducted into the Health Care Hall of Fame, including: Benjamin Franklin, Clara Barton, Senator Ted Kennedy and Dr. Michael DeBakey. The Hall is permanently housed at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, America's first hospital.