



The Walter F. Snyder Award for 1991

Presented to
TRENTON G. DAVIS, Dr. P.H.

Trenton G. Davis, Dr. P.H., in recognition of thirty years of unwavering commitment and valued leadership in the field of environmental health, has been selected to receive the 1991 Walter F. Snyder Award. His integrity, compassion, patience, common sense, intelligence, and many other notable attributes combined with his academic achievements and willingness to solve difficult problems are a living testament to the qualities that define this Award.

A colleague of twenty years sums up Dr. Davis' leadership this way: "His style is one that effectively mixes unselfish dedication of energy and skill to the job at hand; a remarkable sensitivity to the needs and feelings of the people with whom he is involved; an affability and congeniality that make people remember their contact with him with pleasure; a standard of ethics and values that is unyielding; a quiet leadership that ensures the completion of the task with meticulous attention to detail as well as major substance; and the wise use

of accumulated experiences and knowledge."

Dr. Davis' interest in environmental health began when his family physician suggested he apply for a job with the county health department. He followed that advice and worked as a Sanitarian for the Greene County Health Department in Greeneville, Tennessee from 1961 to 1966. During this same time he also earned his undergraduate degree in Health Education and General Science from East Tennessee State University. He later earned a Master of Public Health in Environmental Health Science from Tulane University (1967); and a Doctor of Public Health in Environmental Health Science from Oklahoma University (1972).

Dr. Davis' academic career began in June 1967 as an Instructor at East Tennessee State University. In 1972, after a brief time in Oklahoma City with the Federal Aviation Administration, he joined the faculty at East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina as Associate Professor and Chairman of

the Department of Environmental Health. Several years later he was promoted to full Professor. Dr. Davis was named Special Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs in 1984, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Support in 1986, and Acting Dean, School of Industry and Technology in 1987. He is currently Associate Dean for the School of Allied Health Sciences.

The faculty and students hold him in high regard and appreciate his many contributions to academic achievement and research. He has published over thirty articles, made numerous presentations at professional meetings, and has been the Technical Editor for the *Journal of Environmental Health* since 1984.

Dr. Davis' contributions to advancement in the environmental health field is also felt through the myriad of boards and committees on which he serves. He has been a member of NSF's Council of Public Health Consultants since 1986. He was President of the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) in 1982-83, and provided invaluable leadership to the Association during a critical time in its history. He has served the North Carolina Public Health Association and the National Accreditation Council for Environmental Health Curricula for over sixteen years in many leadership capacities. He was

also President of Epsilon Nu Eta, the National Environmental Health Honor Society, 1987-89.

Dr. Davis' endless hours of dedication have brought him well-earned recognition for his work. His long list of awards include NEHA's Walter S. Mangold Award (1985) and two Presidential Citations (1978 and 1989); *Journal of Environmental Health* Editors' Award (1989); Diplomate, American Academy of Sanitarians (1980); and, the W. A. "Bill" Broadway Award, NCPHA (1988).

Dr. Davis and his wife, Kay, are well-known in the Greenville community where they reared their two children and participated in many civic activities. Dr. Davis has served as President of the local Kiwanis Club, President and Board Member of the North Carolina, Eastern Region of the American Lung Association, and he has been active in the Boys' Club of Pitt County.

NSF *International* and the National Environmental Health Association take great pleasure in awarding to Dr. Trenton G. Davis the 1991 Walter F. Snyder Award for Achievement in Attaining Environmental Quality. Dr. Davis' great humanity, intellect, integrity, and commitment to improving the quality of life through his work in environmental health has made a better world for all of us.

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