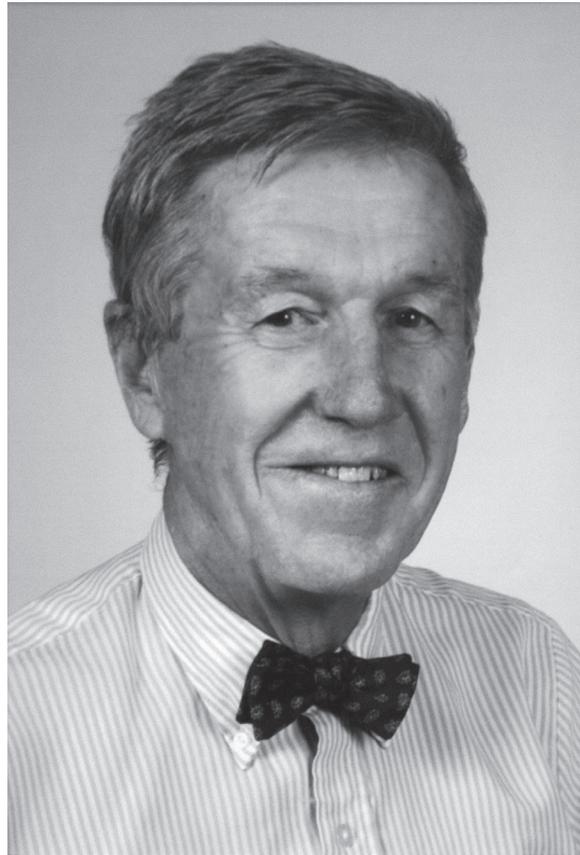


**Horace D. Taft Alumni Medal
and
Citation of Merit
2002 Recipient**



Cheves McCord Smythe '42

Throughout your distinguished medical career as teacher, practitioner, and administrator, you have selflessly embraced your alma mater's call of service to others and have honored the promise of the Hippocratic Oath to impart the knowledge of your art to your disciples and to preserve life. Passionate in your vision and compassionate in your leadership, you built the University of Texas-Houston Medical School from the ground up even as you brought wisdom and judgment to the classroom as an inspirational mentor for your colleagues and students. Always mindful of Horace Taft's charge to his graduates to get out of themselves, to work for others, to go into things and make them work, you took leave of the comforts of Texas to answer your higher calling to minister to those less fortunate. As first dean of Fledging Aga Khan Medical College in Karachi, Pakistan, you launched a contemporary university teaching hospital, a school of nursing, and a program in public health education. School monitor at Taft, cum laude graduate of Harvard Medical School, and lieutenant in the United States Navy Medical Corps, you have forged a life defined by humanitarian zeal, scholarly excellence, and duty to country. Offering strength to the weak and opportunity to the hopeless, you were the kind, firm molder of two continents, passing the torch to future caregivers so that they might, in turn, enrich the communities they serve. Cheves Smythe, you have lived a noble life committed to the pursuit of mankind's most cherished ideal: to respect and sustain your fellow man, and you have been resolute in upholding your school's motto, *Non Ut Sibi Ministretur Sed Ut Ministret*. It is with great pride and admiration that we confer upon you Taft's greatest honor, the Alumni Citation of Merit.