



Resolution in Loving Memory of Dr. Ikwunga Okogbule-Wonodi

We, the Trustees and members of the Black Psychiatrists of America, Inc., are deeply saddened by the passing of our beloved colleague and friend, Dr. Ikwunga Wonodi. He was a distinguished psychiatrist, a devoted husband and father, a proud son and Chief of his Igbo tribe in Nigeria.

Whereas Dr. Wonodi received his medical degree from the University of Port Harcourt College of Health Services in Nigeria and moved to the United States where he completed an internship at the Boston University School of Medicine in Boston, MA, psychiatry residency training at the University of Maryland Sheppard Pratt Residency Program, and Schizophrenia Research Fellowship at the Maryland Psychiatric Research Center. Dr. Wonodi also received a Master of Business Administration degree from The Johns Hopkins University, Carey School of Business.

Whereas Dr. Wonodi conducted psychiatric research and practiced psychiatry for more than 20 years, serving as a conscientious and caring provider as well as a mentor to young professionals. He achieved the rank of Associate Professor of Psychiatry. Dr. Wonodi was a recipient of several NIMH grants for his research. He published numerous peer-reviewed articles, books, and book chapters, and received many awards and honors for his outstanding contributions to the profession and the community.

Whereas Dr. Wonodi was a pioneer and a leader in the field of psychiatry. He served faithfully and honorably as the BPA treasurer during a difficult period, generously sharing his financial expertise and wisdom.

Whereas Dr. Wonodi was a recorded Afrobeat poet, whose lively spirit enriched and inspired many gatherings, parties, and events with the same brilliance he demonstrated in his medical work.

Whereas Dr. Wonodi was a loving husband to his wife, Dr. Adora Okogbule-Wonodi, and a caring father to his four children, Dr. Omasirichi, Orukanma, Anaykwe and Ezeboula. He was also a faithful son, a loyal brother to his siblings and a pillar of strength and support to his large Nigerian Igbo family.

Therefore, be it resolved that we extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of our colleague and friend, Dr. Ikwunga Wonodi, who inspired us all with his unwavering commitment to excellence and service. We mourn his passing but also celebrate his life and legacy. He was a true embodiment of the Igbo spirit of resilience, excellence, and community.

May it be further resolved that BPA will establish a Conference Student Travel Award each year henceforth in Dr. Wonodi's honor. We will always remember him as a part of our family.

May his soul rest in perfect peace. Ndo, ndo, ndo

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