Bronze of M.T. “Pepper” Jenkins, M.D.

Anesthesiologist-in-Chief at Dallas’ University of Texas Southwest Medical Center (UTSWMC) from 1948–1981, Marion Thomas “Pepper” Jenkins (1917–1994) served as UTSWMC’s first McDermott Chair after his professorship was funded by a grateful founding family of Texas Instruments, Inc. A codesigner of teaching laryngoscopes, Dr. Jenkins received worldwide attention after he pronounced the death of President John F. Kennedy at Parkland Memorial Hospital on November 22, 1963. After serving as American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) president in 1972, Dr. Jenkins received Distinguished Service Awards from the ASA in 1978 and from the American Medical Association a decade later. A trustee and vice-president of the Wood Library-Museum of Anesthesiology (WLM), Pepper delivered the WLM’s 1993 Lewis H. Wright Memorial Lecture, titled “Epochs in Intravenous Fluid Therapy: From the Goose Quill and Pig Bladder to Balanced Salt Solutions.” Afterwards he quipped, “Yes, Pepper loves salt.” Pictured here is a bronze bust, “M.T. Pepper Jenkins, M.D.,” completed by his friend and colleague, surgeon-sculptor Ben Wilson, M.D., just 1 yr after Dr. Jenkins’ passing. (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc. This image appears in the Anesthesiology Reflections online collection available at www.anesthesiology.org.)

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