RE: American Medical Women’s Association (AMWA), National Library of Medicine (NLM) and US Congress Local Legends Nominee from the State of Ohio

Dear Committee Members:

I strongly recommend Dr. Beatrice C. Lampkin as a "Local Legend" nominee from the State of Ohio. Dr. Lampkin is Professor Emerita of Pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and served as Director of the Hematology/Oncology Division at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. She is nationally and internationally recognized for her contributions to pediatric hematology/oncology.

The Division of Hematology/Oncology of Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center experienced tremendous growth under Dr. Lampkin's leadership. When she was named director in 1973, she was the only pediatric hematologist/oncologist in Cincinnati, and the division cared for 173 patients. When she retired from the director’s position in 1991, the division consisted of 13 full-time faculty members, six fellows, four specialty centers and two specialty clinics. It cared for more than 1,500 children and adolescents.

Dr. Lampkin has served on many committees of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and the National Cancer Institute, and was Director-At-Large for the National Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society. She holds membership in the Society for Pediatric Research, the American Society of Pediatrics, and the American Society for Hematology, the American Association for Cancer Research, the American Society of Clinical Oncology, and the Central Society for Clinical Research. Dr. Lampkin also served as president of the American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology.

Dr. Lampkin was a founding member of the Ronald McDonald House for families of hospitalized children. She was instrumental in the development of the Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology’s GLAD HOUSE, a program designed to break the cycle of drug and alcohol abuse in 6-through 10 year-olds who are the children of substance-abusing mothers. She remains an active participant and leader in this program. In addition to Dr. Lampkin’s distinguished contributions to research, her efforts in these programs have profoundly impacted the city of Cincinnati as well as the state of Ohio.

It gives me great pleasure to nominate Dr. Lampkin as one of the Ohio Local Legends, give this application all consideration within accordance of all applicable rules and regulations.

Sincerely,

Rob Portman
Representative