

Dr. Halda Shaw, better known as Dr. ‘Hal’ Shaw, was honored this year at the 105th annual conference and assembly of the National Medical Association (of America) (the NMA), with the establishment of an award in his name: *‘The Halda Claudius Shaw, DDS.MD. MS. (ORL) Award’*. The award, which will go primarily to West Indian doctors for service and excellence in their native country and for membership in the NMA, signaled to the medical fraternity the value of Dr. Shaw’s contribution to this area of medical science. Professor Winston Vaughn, a Jamaican who is the founder and CEO of the California Sinus Centre, paid tribute to the honoree at the NMA conference, which was held in Honolulu Hawaii in August. The symbolism (wisdom) of Dr. Shaw’s lei made of special tea leaves was not lost on the distinguished audience of medical practitioners. Internationally acclaimed botanical artist Michelle Schwengel-Regala was commissioned to produce his citation document, which was decorated by the doctor bird, the hibiscus and lignum vitae flowers. The crowning presentation was the gift of a cricket bat, specially flown in from Barbados. It was autographed by the great West Indian Sir Garfield Sobers and accompanied by a photograph of the Caribbean cricket legend, and Dr. Shaw holds this gift very dear to his heart. What makes this occasion so special is the fact that in the NMA 112-year history, this was only the fourth time that tribute was paid to an ENT, Head & Neck Surgeon with an award being named in his honor. Of utmost significance is the fact that Dr. Hal Shaw is the first and only West Indian and non citizen upon whom this distinction has been bestowed.

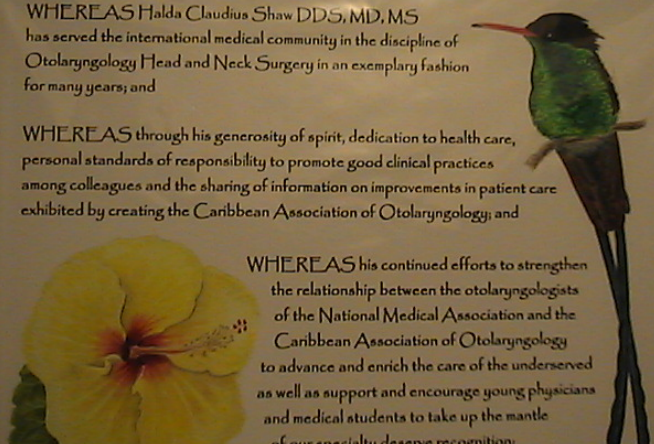




WHEREAS Halda Claudius Shaw DDS, MD, MS has served the international medical community in the discipline of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery in an exemplary fashion for many years; and

WHEREAS through his generosity of spirit, dedication to health care, personal standards of responsibility to promote good clinical practices among colleagues and the sharing of information on improvements in patient care exhibited by creating the Caribbean Association of Otolaryngology; and

WHEREAS his continued efforts to strengthen the relationship between the otolaryngologists of the National Medical Association and the Caribbean Association of Otolaryngology to advance and enrich the care of the underserved as well as support and encourage young physicians and medical students to take up the mantle of our specialty deserve recognition;

An illustration of a green hummingbird perched on a branch, and a large yellow hibiscus flower with a red center.