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OUR HONOREE:

Dr. Charles A. Champion

Roots are something Dr. Charles A. Champion knows a lot about. Having reached 84 years of age, his roots run deep. Born in Memphis in 1930, Dr. Champion had to leave his home state of Tennessee to attend pharmacy school at Xavier in New Orleans because the University of Tennessee didn't accept black students at that time. He then spent two years in Germany as a pharmacist for the United States Army before returning home in 1957 where he was the first black pharmacist to be employed in any hospital in the city of Memphis. And for nearly 60 years this is where he's stayed. A dozen years in hospital pharmacy, another dozen years in chain store pharmacy and the last 33 years in his own specialized independent pharmacy. Continually learning, refining, and specializing while teaching and mentoring fellow pharmacists along the way. And always deepening those roots.



**"An oak tree is only an acorn
that stood its ground."**

—English Proverb

The **Dr. Charles A. Champion Award** is intended to be viewed as a lifetime achievement award. The award will be presented annually by the Memphis Area Pharmacists Society. The honoree will be a pharmacist who has, like Dr. Champion, given the majority of their career to our community. The Dr. Charles A. Champion award is not a national award. It's not a state award. It's a Memphis award and it is our way of honoring our roots. The symbol we've chosen as the embodiment of the award is the *Quercus Rubra*, also known as the "Champion Oak."