Granville C. Coggs, M.D.

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For more than 31 years, Dr. Granville C. Coggs worked as a general diagnostic radiologist, focusing on the radiological detection of breast cancer.

After high school, Dr. Coggs volunteered for the all-black combat unit of the U.S. Army Air Corps and became a Tuskegee Airman. He first trained and received his wings as an aerial gunner. He later trained as an aerial bombardier, and received his bombardier wings and commission as a second lieutenant in January 1945. Following bombardier training, he trained as a multiengine pilot and flew the B-25 Mitchell bomber in advanced pilot training. He received his wings as a military pilot in October 1945.

In 1949, following World War II, he earned his B.S., with distinction, from the University of Nebraska. At the University of Nebraska, he was inducted into the academic excellence honor societies of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi and Phi Lambda Upsilon. He received his M.D. from Harvard Medical School in 1953 and completed a three-year residency in radiology at University of California Hospitals, San Francisco in 1958.

Dedicated to his profession, Dr. Coggs coinvented the precision breast lesion localizer, which is a portable device and method for precisely positioning a probe tip relative to a target lesion in a bodily protuberance. He also invented the central x-ray beam guided breast biopsy system, which is attached to a standard mammography machine and designed to facilitate the performance of precise, accurate breast biopsies.

Dr. Coggs received the Silver medal award for excellence of a scientific exhibit, "Non-



Surgical Diagnosis and Treatment of Renal Cysts," presented at the 1969 annual meeting of the National Medical Association in San Francisco, Calif. The exhibit also received an honorable mention at the 1970 annual meeting of The American Medical Association in Chicago, III.

An avid runner, Dr. Coggs sprinted daily as part of his training for the 2006 Texas State Senior Games. He has won the Gold medal in the 400- and 1500-meter events in his age bracket. In the 2009 National Senior Games, he won the seventh-place ribbon in the 400-meter run for men in the age group 80-84.