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According to the By-Laws of the American Cleft Palate Association, "The Honors of the Association shall represent the highest expression of respect and gratitude the Association can bestow and shall be granted to those individuals whose lifetime of research, health care delivery, or leadership has advanced significantly and uniquely the amelioration of physical, behavioral or social handicapping conditions of cleft lip and palate or other craniofacial anomalies."

Betty Jane McWilliams, Ph.D., Director of the Cleft Palate Center at the University of Pittsburgh, has been a member of the American Cleft Palate Association since 1953. She served as President of the Association in 1965, and received the Distinguished Service Award in 1975. She edited the Cleft Palate Journal from 1975 to 1981. In 1982–1983, she served as President of the Educational Foundation.

Dr. McWilliams is the author of over 90 publications on cleft palate and related craniofacial anomalies, and co-author, along with Hughlett Morris and Ralph Shelton, of the popular text Cleft Palate Speech. She has presented over 160 papers and has participated in seminars and workshops at scientific meetings.

For her indefatigable pursuit of an improved quality of life for children and adults with cleft lip and palate and other craniofacial birth defects, the American Cleft Palate Association was proud to present the Honors of the Association to Dr. Betty Jane McWilliams during the March 1987 Annual Business Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.