



## COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR RESPIRATORY CARE

### IN MEMORIAM



#### **Dr. Charles E. Cowles, Jr., MD, MBA, FASA, FAACD**

On December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) and the respiratory care profession lost a true friend and colleague in a tragic car accident.

Dr. Cowles served as one of the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) representatives to the CoARC from 2011 to 2020 where he served on several CoARC Committees including Public Relations, Finance, and Post-Professional Programs.

Dr. Cowles was Associate Professor of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine at M.D. Anderson Center in Houston, TX. Dr. Cowles also served as the Medical Director and Adjunct Professor in the Department of Respiratory Care at San Jacinto College District, in Pasadena, TX where he worked closely with administration, departmental faculty and the advisory board to maintain a high standard of education, review curriculum, program budgeting, and equipment needs. In addition to service with the CoARC, Dr. Cowles was very active in organizations at the state and national level where he advocated for patient safety and the critical role that respiratory therapists and anesthesiologists performed in the perioperative setting.

His wonderful humor, infectious smile, captivating story-telling, and tremendous dedication in the service of CoARC and the respiratory care profession will be sorely missed.

Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.

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