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Remarks Recognizing the Historical Treasures At the National Library of Medicine By C. Everett Koop, MD, ScD Surgeon General Of the U.S. Public Health Service U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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This is another occasion that was part of the celebration in 1989 of the 100th Anniversary of the formation of the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service. It is included in this archive to remind the user of the importance of the National Library of Medicine and to associate, in his or her mind, the relationship of the National Library to the individual components of the National Institutes of Health and to reaffirm the relationship of the Surgeon General to the National Library because of his automatic position on the Board of Regents. The message is not one that lends itself easily to summary, but it was an occasion when I was able to present awards to five individuals for their contributions to some aspect for historical research about the Public Health Service and the Commissioned Corps and its preservation for posterity. The awards were given with appropriate citations to Donald A.B. Lindberg, Peter Hirtle, Lucinda H. Keister, John L Parascandola, and Margaret Kaiser.