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Research Laboratories Dedicated to Dr. Lanza

Dr. Anthony J. Lanza, former Associate Medical Director at the Home Office until his retirement in 1947, was honored posthumously on May 13 by New York University when the Anthony J. Lanza Research Laboratories for Environmental Medicine were dedicated to him. Dr. Lanza died on March 23 at the age of 80.

A plaque at the laboratories in Sterling Forest, N. Y., bears the inscription: "These laboratories are named for the distinguished pioneer in occupational medicine who was the first Director of the Institute of Industrial

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Medicine of New York University Medical Center, serving from 1947 until his retirement in 1954."

Dr. Lanza, professor emeritus of industrial medicine at the Center, was one of the discoverers of the lung disease, silicosis. He was awarded the Legion of Merit; the William S. Knudsen Award for his contribution to the field of industrial medicine; and in 1960 the New York University Presidential Citation.

In a warm tribute to Dr. Lanza during the ceremonies, General Counsel Churchill Rodgers of the Home Office Law Division said in part:

"My original assignment here was to introduce an old friend, Dr. Anthony J. Lanza. Now, to my distress and yours, our old friend has gone to greater rewards than our praise. Tony Lanza of course knew that the research laboratories had been named for him and I know that he was proud and grateful. This day of dedication would have been for him a great day had he lived to be here. His absence is purely physical. His spirit is here.

"Tony had at least five careers—The U. S. Public Health Service, The Rockefeller Foundation, Metropolitan Life, the U. S. Army, and the New York University Medical Center—but in very large measure they were all devoted to industrial or environmental medicine.

"During each of his careers he mobilized mammoth resources and organized and directed the talents of numerous associates to protect the health of those whose welfare had been entrusted to his care. . . . Many live and have lived in comfort who would have lived in pain and misery but for his efforts. Best of all, his work continues through this great educational and research center. Thus millions more may be helped by this scientific, preventive medicine approach to the solution of the health problems besetting individuals.

". . . What could be more appropriate than that these laboratories bear the name of Anthony J. Lanza, pioneer in this great field of service?"