



## **Recognition of Service by Joseph Valentino to USP**

**Remarks by Larry L. Braden, R.Ph., D.Sc.  
Chairman, USP Board of Trustees**

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Just west and north of where we have gathered this evening, there stands a statute guarding the entrance to our nation's archives. Upon its base is an inscription:

*"The Legacy of the Past is the Seed That Brings Forth the Harvest of the Future."*

For more than three decades Joseph Valentino has cultivated the legacy that seeded the harvest, which USP and those who benefit from its works, are reaping today.

Joe Valentino..., pharmacist, attorney, respected authority, Secretary to the USP Convention, General Counsel for USP, Secretary and Counsel to the Board of Trustees, trusted advisor...Joe Valentino has been synonymous with USP in the minds of members of Congress, leaders of the Food and Drug Administration, leaders of national and state medical and pharmacy associations, his colleagues with whom he worked, and the volunteers who had the privilege of working with him.

Over the course of thee thirty-plus years, Dr. Valentino provided guidance to four CEO's of USP: Lloyd Miller, William Heller, Jerry Halperin, and Roger Williams; advice and counsel to more than one hundred members of the Board of Trustees; represented USP before scores of congressional and FDA groups; attended countless meetings; and made scores of presentations to professional societies throughout the world.

No matter where he was, no matter with whom he was meeting, to matter how contentious the issue, no matter any feelings of personal angst...Joe's calm, studied demeanor reflected both is professionalism and his deep sense of responsibility to USP and its numerous constituencies.

Joe, there are hundreds of people gathered here this evening who have had the pleasure and privilege of working with you; hundreds who are not here who share that pleasure and privilege; and countless millions throughout the world who have enjoyed more pleasant, more healthful, and more abundant lives as a direct result of your good works.

Joe and Pat, I know that each person here, and the great numbers of those who would like to be here this evening, join me and the current Board in wishing for you good health, longevity and happiness in this new chapter of your lives.

Wherever your travels may take you on this new journey, we wish you Godspeed.