Dr. Bernard J. Reilly (1926–2013)

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Bernard Joseph Reilly, MA, MB, ChB, FRCP(C), professor emeritus at the University of Toronto, former president and Gold Medal recipient of the Society for Pediatric Radiology, and former radiologist-in-chief at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, died January 25, 2013, after a prolonged illness.

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Dr. Reilly was born in Glasgow, Scotland, on June 20, 1926, and studied medicine at the University of Glasgow. Early in his medical career, at age 23, Dr. Reilly and his new wife, Mary Milne Hamilton (Molly), also a physician, were invited to work with the Anti-Tuberculosis League of Saskatchewan (ATL). Thanks to the ATL, the honeymooners traveled first-class on the Empress of Scotland to Canada. The experience proved to be less than perfect, thanks to Molly's sea-sickness and Barney's pneumonia, resulting in his first few weeks in Fort San under treatment. After his first year, he was transferred to the tuberculosis sanatorium in Saskatoon, and then he began a general practice, while his wife accepted a position at the Cancer Clinic of the Saskatoon City Hospital. Dr. Reilly worked as Medical Officer for the Saskatoon Light Infantry, followed by a position in radiology and pathology at the Saskatoon City Hospital. He and his wife adopted their son, John, in 1957 and took the infant to Boston, where Dr. Reilly did his postgraduate training at Boston Children's Hospital as a volunteer assistant in radiology as a participant in the Exchange-Visitor Program. He fell under the guidance of Edward B.D. Neuhauser, who was in the process of creating the framework for pediatric radiology as a separate and distinct specialty. The Boston experience was life-changing for both Barney and Molly. Dr. Reilly found his passion in this field and, after a short return to the Canadian Prairies in 1960, the family, now four with the addition of a daughter, Louise, moved to Toronto to work in the fledgling department of radiology at The Hospital for Sick Children.

As one of the giants of Pediatric Radiology, Dr. Reilly became radiologist-in-chief in 1967 for a 10-year tenure that included the expansion of the department to incorporate the realms of pediatric neuroradiology and pediatric nuclear medicine, the acquisition of the first whole-body CT scanner by a pediatric hospital and an impressive array of positions and accolades. These include president of the SPR in 1978,

chairman of the Board of Directors of the SPR in 1979, president of the Canadian Association of Radiologists in 1981, and Gold Medal awardee of the SPR in 1991. He remained head of the division of General Radiology at The Hospital for Sick Children until his retirement in 1988 and was active in the maturation of the Pediatric Radiology department at what was then known as the Hugh Macmillan Center for Children (now the Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital in Toronto), including a year as president of its medical staff in 1986.

Dr. Reilly was the traditional *bon-vivant* Renaissance man who humbly enjoyed a vast array of life's experiences; he was an award-winning violinist, avid golfer, painter, curler, badminton player, storyteller, linguist and a glorious tenor. His life was highlighted by professional highs yet shadowed by the untimely death his daughter, Louise, from a brain tumor and the death of his first wife, Molly, from a massive heart attack in 1983, while she was working at The Princess Margaret Cancer Center in Toronto. His joy was to remarry in 1984. Helga shared his many passions and life experiences thereafter. They moved to the beautiful North-eastern Ontario in his retirement. He and Helga spent many

years on Manitoulin Island in the North Channel of Lake Huron, discovered on a locum trip to a clinic in Sioux Lookout that was affiliated with The Hospital for Sick Children. Soon after his retirement in 1988, they acquired a summer home there. In the year 2000, when problems with Dr. Reilly's memory made the city too dangerous a place, they moved permanently to Manitoulin, where Barney dedicated himself to his favorite sport, golf. Helga demonstrated unlimited dedication to him, especially during his most recent years, which were tragically and ironically dark from the march of Alzheimer's disease.

However, I expect he is remembered best in our profession as an unassuming and modest teacher to more than 100 fellows from around the world. He understood and taught the critical importance of the knowledge of the pathophysiology of pediatric disease states, and that the radiographic image is merely a mirror of underlying processes. He applied these principles to observations in neonatal pulmonary, renal and bone diseases that lay the foundation for our understanding of contemporary images in all modalities. He was, therefore, a perfect mentor to those of us who would go on to expand our field into what it is today.