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CHICAGO — W. Mark Donald, D.M.D., a general dentist based in Louisville, Mississippi, was elected today as speaker of the American Dental Association's (ADA's) House of Delegates. Dr. Donald's installation took place in San Francisco at the ADA FDI World Dental Congress 2019.

The House of Delegates, as the ADA's legislative and governing body, is the organization's highest authority. As such, it speaks for the more than 163,000 dentist members of the Association and for the dental profession in the United States. The 473 voting members of the House of Delegates are chosen by the 53 constituent societies, the five federal dental services and the American Student Dental Association. As the House Speaker, Dr. Donald will preside over the legislative body.

Dr. Donald has served as a delegate in the ADA's House of Delegates and on the ADA Council on Dental Practice. He is also a past speaker and president of the Mississippi Dental Association and was named its Member of the Year in 2009. An active member of the Academy of General Dentistry, Dr. Donald served on its House of Delegates and as its president and speaker.

Dr. Donald earned his dental degree from the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry in 1988.

About the ADA

The not-for-profit ADA is the nation's largest dental association, representing 163,000 dentist members. The premier source of oral health information, the ADA has advocated for the public's health and promoted the art and science of dentistry since 1859. The ADA's state-of-the-art research facilities develop and test dental products and materials that have advanced the practice of dentistry and made the patient experience more positive. The ADA Seal of Acceptance long has been a valuable and respected guide to consumer dental care products. The monthly The Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA) is the ADA's flagship publication and the best-read scientific journal in dentistry. For more information about the ADA, visit ADA.org. For more information on oral health, including prevention, care and treatment of dental disease, visit the ADA's consumer website MouthHealthy.org

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