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Welcome to the 2011 Leadership Awards Dinner.

Each year we gather at this dinner to celebrate selected individuals for their outstanding contributions to improving the health and quality of life of the American people. In most cases, the tens of thousands of lives that have benefited from their efforts are unaware of these actions and have no opportunity to offer words of appreciation. Indeed, in these upside-down times, the very act of promoting well-being, developing new therapies, or providing access to quality care can trigger criticism. The politics of health care can have a chilling effect for providers, researchers, patients’ advocates, legislators, and policy makers, causing the timid to withdraw and leaving pain and suffering unresolved.

Frequently, it is not enough to be competent or even brilliant in one’s discipline; in the face of withering criticism, it also takes courage to pursue a course that one knows will benefit others.

Tonight we celebrate five consummate Americans: Senator Harry Reid, Majority Leader of the US Senate; Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Democratic Leader in the US House of Representatives and former Speaker of the House; Elizabeth Ofili, MD, MPH, FACC, Chief of the Section of Cardiology, Associate Dean of Clinical Research, Director of the Clinical Research Center, and Professor of Medicine, Morehouse School of Medicine; Dorothy Ouchida, Director, Cardiovascular-Metabolic Patient Advocacy and Professional Relations, Boehringer-Ingelheim; and David E. R. Sutherland, MD, PhD, Professor, Division of Transplantation, University of Minnesota.

We honor these individuals, not because they are simply good at their craft, but because we must applaud their deep commitment to America and, in so doing, encourage others to follow their example. Regardless of age, income, sex, race, or ethnicity, the health and safety of the American people must take second place to nothing else. Each of these awardees, through words and deeds, has demonstrated an unswerving commitment to that ideal. On behalf of the voiceless tens of thousands who have benefited from their endeavors, we rise to say, “Thank you”.

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APRIL IS MINORITY HEALTH MONTH!

The National Minority Quality Forum (formerly the National Minority Health Month Foundation) was instrumental in launching National Minority Health Month, supported by a resolution from the U.S. Congress and recognized by many states.

The Concurrent Resolution (H. Con. Res. 388) signed by the U.S. Congress on October 3, 2002, states that “a National Minority Health and Health Disparities Month should be established to promote educational efforts on the health problems currently facing minorities and other health disparity populations” and that “the President should issue a proclamation recognizing the immediate need to reduce health disparities in the United States and encouraging all health organizations and Americans to conduct appropriate programs and activities to promote healthfulness in minority and other health disparity communities.”

“Many Americans are not aware that there is a minority health month,” says National Minority Quality Forum President and Chief Executive Officer Gary Puckrein, PhD. “We have a shared responsibility to bring national attention to this issue that impacts so many citizens. A national, annually recognized month will help raise awareness and prompt initiatives to bridge the health gap.”

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OPENING REMARKS

CEcil B. Wilson, MD

Cecil B. Wilson, MD, an internist from Winter Park, FL, became the 165th president of the American Medical Association (AMA) in June 2010. Dr. Wilson has been a member of the AMA Board of Trustees since 2002, and he served as chair of the board from 2006 to 2007. Dr. Wilson has also been a member of the AMA House of Delegates since 1992 and was previously elected to two terms as a member of the AMA Council on Constitution and Bylaws, of which he also served as vice chair. Dr. Wilson has a distinguished record of service and leadership in organized medicine. He was president of the Florida Medical Association (FMA) and chair of its board of governors and executive committee. In 2003 Dr. Wilson was recognized by the FMA with its highest award, the Certificate of Merit. He served as president of the Orange County Medical Society and of the medical staffs of the Winter Park Memorial Hospital and Florida Hospital Medical Center, Orlando.

After receiving his bachelor’s degree in history and his doctorate from Emory University, Atlanta, GA, Dr. Wilson interned at the US Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, VA, and completed his residency in internal medicine at the US Naval Hospital, San Diego, CA. He served as a Navy flight surgeon, rising to the rank of commander. Dr. Wilson has been in private practice of internal medicine in Central Florida for more than 30 years. He is board certified in internal medicine and a Master of the American College of Physicians (ACP). Dr. Wilson’s service in organized medicine includes leadership in his specialty of internal medicine. He is a past chair of the ACP Board of Regents. He also served on the board of the American Society of Internal Medicine (ASIM) and was a member of the merger committee between ACP and ASIM, which resulted in the largest medical specialty society in the United States. At the state level, Dr. Wilson has received the prestigious Laureate Award for service to internal medicine from the Florida chapter of ACP. In addition to his work within organized medicine, Dr. Wilson served as a board member of COLA, a physician-run organization that accredits more than 8,000 physician office laboratories nationwide. He is currently a national fellow and adviser for the Center for Global Health and Medical Diplomacy at the University of North Florida and a clinical professor in health administration in the Brooks College of Health at the university. He is also a past president of the Florida Statewide Health Council and past chair of the Local Health Council of East Central Florida.
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BERNARDO ALBERTO HOUSSAY AWARD

Born in Argentina in 1887, Bernardo Alberto Houssay received the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1947 for his discovery of the part played by the hormone of the anterior pituitary lobe in the metabolism of sugar. The Bernardo Alberto Houssay Award recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding contributions toward the elimination of diabetes in emerging populations.

DAVID E. R. SUTHERLAND, MD, PhD
BERNARDO ALBERTO HOUSSAY AWARD

David E. R. Sutherland graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School in 1966, interned at West Virginia University, served two years in the US Army, completed his surgical residency and a transplant fellowship at the University of Minnesota in 1975, and joined the university faculty in 1976, spending his entire career to date at his alma mater. He was promoted to professor of surgery in 1984 and was head of the Division of Transplantation from 1994 to 2009. He was also appointed director of the newly formed Diabetes Institute for Immunology and Transplantation within the Department of Surgery in 1994, recently renamed the Schulze Diabetes Institute. He was awarded the 2009 Surgical Alumnus of the year, and was past holder of the John S. Najarian Clinical Chair and head of the Division of Transplantation at the University of Minnesota School of Medicine.

A renowned transplant surgeon, Dr. Sutherland has trained more than half the surgeons performing pancreas transplants worldwide and has overseen more than 2,000 done at the university. He founded the International Pancreas Transplant Registry in 1980. Among many firsts, he performed the world’s first clinical islet transplant in 1974. Developing minimally invasive beta cell replacement as an alternative to insulin or pancreas transplantation to treat diabetes has dominated Dr. Sutherland’s research. He also pioneered preservation of beta cell mass and insulin secretory capacity by islet auto-transplantation (IAT) at the time of total pancreatectomy (TP) for chronic pancreatitis, performing the first such procedure with Dr. Najarian in 1977; more than 350 TP-IATs have been done at the university to date.

Dr. Sutherland is past president (2004–06) of the Transplantation Society, the International Pancreas and Islet Transplant Society (1997), the Cell Transplantation Society (1996), and the American Society of Transplant Surgeons (1990–91). He was appointed editor of Clinical Transplantation in January 2007. Dr. Sutherland is author or coauthor on over 1,500 publications.
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CHARLES RICHARD DREW AWARD

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ELIZABETH O. OFILI, MD, MPH, FACC

Elizabeth O. Ofili, MD, MPH, FACC, is a professor of medicine and chief of cardiology at Morehouse School of Medicine. She also serves as the associate dean of clinical research and director of the Clinical Research Center. Dr. Ofili is known for her expertise in the field of cardiovascular medicine and health disparities with a focus on translating discoveries to benefit patients through community engagement. She has been continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health since 1994. She is a recipient of the Preventive Cardiology Academic Award and is the founding director and principal investigator of the Center of Clinical Research Excellence at Morehouse School of Medicine. She has received national and international recognition for her expertise in the field of echocardiography and for advancing scientific knowledge on the role of ultrasound imaging modality in clinical practice and population-based research. A passionate advocate for the inclusion of minorities in biomedical research, she has helped to raise over $150 million in research funds to support research infrastructure and training at Morehouse School of Medicine.

She is a recipient of over 50 scientific, service, and health policy awards, including the Dr. Daniel Savage Scientific Award from the Association of Black Cardiologists; the Nannette K. Wenger Award for Health Policy-WomenHeart Advocacy Group; and the National Library of Medicine exhibit Changing the Face of Medicine, the Rise of America’s Women Physicians. Dr. Ofili is the past president of the Association of Black Cardiologists and has published over 130 scientific papers and book chapters appearing in national publications, such as Journal of the American Medical Association, New England Journal of Medicine, Circulation, Journal of the American College of Cardiology, American Journal of Cardiology, American Heart Journal, Journal of the National Medical Association, and Urban Cardiology.

She completed medical school with distinction at Ahmadu Bello University in Nigeria and received the master of public health degree from Johns Hopkins University. She completed internal medicine residency at Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK, and cardiology fellowship training at Washington University, St. Louis, MO. She is board certified in internal medicine and cardiology and has practiced for over 20 years.
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Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Award

Dorothy Ouchida has over 38 years of experience in biomedical research, patient advocacy, multicultural advocacy, consumer and patient health education, state and federal government relations, public affairs, medical education, consumer nutrition, food science, and sales management. Ms. Ouchida joined Boehringer-Ingelheim in 2010 as director of patient advocacy and professional relations. She previously served as senior director, US strategic lead, for Pfizer’s State Advocacy & Alliances and managed Pfizer’s Western Regional Alliance Development Group. Her health-care expertise includes cardiovascular, metabolic, central nervous system, autoimmune diseases, infectious diseases, and chronic diseases, such as mental health, neurological disorders, pain and inflammation, and HIV. Ms. Ouchida has US and global experience in the health-care challenges of the future. Her work has focused on offering access to innovation, biomedical research, and health-care solutions to patients who suffer from chronic disease and the families who care for them. She has worked to benefit communities impacted by chronic diseases.

Ms. Ouchida has served on many health-care advisory boards, including University of California at Davis Medical Center Community Advisory Board, California State Asian Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, California Medical Association Foundation Corporate Advisory Board, California Latino Medical Association Corporate Advisory Board, American Russian Medical Association Healthcare Advisory Board, American Diabetes Association-HI Advisory Board, and Arthritis Foundation-HI Advisory Board.

Ms. Ouchida has been recognized for her work by a number of organizations. She has received the 2008 MS Society California Action Network Advocacy Award, the 2006 Northern California Huntington Disease Society of America Leadership Award, the 2005 CA Depressive Bipolar Support Association Advocacy Award, the 2005 Hawaii Arthritis Foundation Advocacy Award, the 2005 California Medical Association Foundation Corporate Partner of the Year, the 2005 California NeuroAlliance Advocacy Award, the 2004 National Medical Association Western Region VI Advocacy Award, and the 2004 W.E. Upjohn Leadership Award.

Ms. Ouchida graduated from the University of California at Davis with bachelor of science degrees in consumer nutrition and in food science and technology.
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J. Craig Venter, PhD, is founder, chairman, and president of the J. Craig Venter Institute (JCVI), a not-for-profit research organization with approximately 400 scientists and staff dedicated to human, microbial, plant, synthetic, and environmental genomic research, as well as the exploration of social and ethical issues in genomics. Dr. Venter is also founder and chief executive officer of Synthetic Genomics, Inc., a privately held company dedicated to commercializing genomic-driven solutions to address global needs, such as new sources of energy and next-generation vaccines. Dr. Venter has been a driving force in genomics for several decades and has enabled many discoveries and breakthroughs, including expressed sequence tags, used to rapidly discover new genes; the first complete genome of a living organism; the first draft of the human genome in 2001; the first complete diploid human genome in 2007; more than 40 million new genes from his Sorcerer II Global Expedition; and groundbreaking advances in creating the first self-replicating bacterial cell constructed entirely from synthetic DNA. Dr. Venter is a member of the National Academy of Sciences. He is also the recipient of numerous honorary degrees, public honors, and scientific awards, including the 2008 National Medal of Science by President Obama.
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Lifetime Achievement Award

Since 1987, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi has represented California’s Eighth District in the House of Representatives. The Eighth District includes most of the City of San Francisco, including Golden Gate Park, Fisherman’s Wharf, Chinatown, and many of the diverse neighborhoods that make San Francisco a vibrant and prosperous community. As the Democratic Leader of the US House of Representatives for the 112th Congress, Congresswoman Pelosi is focused on strengthening America’s middle class and creating jobs. From 2007 to 2010, Congresswoman Pelosi served as Speaker of the House, having been elected as the first woman in US history to serve as Speaker. She first made history in November 2002 when House Democrats elected her the first woman to lead a major political party. Congresswoman Pelosi served as Democratic Leader from 2003 to 2007 and previously served as House Democratic Whip in 2002.

As a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, Congresswoman Pelosi fought for America’s families. She has been a leader in increasing educational opportunity, protecting workers, and promoting health care, including women’s health and the creation of a nationwide health-tracking network to examine the links between environmental pollutants and chronic disease. She has been a strong proponent of increased investments in health research and has secured funding to double the budget for the National Institutes of Health. Congresswoman Pelosi also has defeated repeated attempts to reduce funding for international family-planning programs.

One of Congresswoman Pelosi’s first legislative victories was the creation of the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS Program. She has also worked to accelerate development of an HIV vaccine, expand access to Medicaid for people living with HIV, and increase funding for the Ryan White CARE Act, the Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative, and other programs vital to people living with or at risk for HIV/AIDS. Congresswoman Pelosi also increased access to health insurance for people with disabilities by ensuring continuation of their health care coverage.

As a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence for 10 years (the longest continuous period of service in the committee’s history), including 2 years as the Ranking Democrat, Congresswoman Pelosi has worked to ensure that policy makers and military commanders are provided with the timely and accurate intelligence necessary to guide diplomatic initiatives, succeed in combat, and protect US military forces.
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Harry Reid is the Majority Leader in the US Senate, a man who commands the respect of colleagues from both parties, and a powerful advocate for Nevada’s middle-class families. Since Nevadans elected him to the Senate in 1986, he has developed a reputation as a consensus builder and a skillful legislator. Even his Republican colleagues praise his reasoned, balanced approach. Senator Reid will work with anyone and everyone to address the issues important to Nevada. After Nevadans reelected him to a third term in 1998, Senator Reid was chosen by his colleagues to serve as the Assistant Democratic Leader, also known as the Whip. And after he won a fourth term in 2004 by a wide margin, he was unanimously elected Senate Democratic Leader. He has earned the trust of both Democrats and Republicans, and his reputation for integrity and fairness has given the small state of Nevada a powerful voice in Congress.

Since he came to the Senate in 1986, Harry Reid has built a strong record of accomplishments for the people of Nevada. Senator Reid is leading the way on solutions to keep Nevadans in their homes and end the foreclosure crisis, which is weakening the state’s economy. He is a leader on reducing the cost of health care, while increasing the number of Nevadans who have medical insurance. And he is working to create thousands of good-paying Nevada jobs by making the state the leader in renewable energy. While some are taking away funding from Nevada schools, Senator Reid is using his leadership position to deliver more federal funding to invest in Nevada students, reduce class sizes, and lower the dropout rate. He also has helped make college more affordable by increasing grant aid and cutting student loan interest rates in half.

Reid is a tireless worker, and it is not unusual for him to be the first senator of either party to arrive at the Capitol in the morning and the last to go home at night. Despite the demands of his career in government, Senator Reid’s family has always been his first priority. The bonds forged in the tight-knit family have only grown stronger as the Reid children have grown up, embarked on their own careers, and started their own families. Today, Senator Reid and Landra are the proud grandparents of 16 grandchildren.
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