7th Annual Leadership Awards Dinner

April 15, 2008
Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Washington, DC
DEAR COLLEAGUES:
We are pleased that you have joined us for our Seventh Annual Leadership Awards Dinner. We hope that you enjoy this special evening, designed to honor outstanding individuals whose contributions to improving health-care equity are an inspiration to us all.

This dinner closes the Spring Health Braintrust and Fifth Annual Health Disparities Summit—a groundbreaking collaboration with the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc., and the Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust. We would like to recognize our distinguished speakers and panelists. They provided us with valuable insights into the challenges that persist in trying to close the health-care-quality gap. They also offered solutions that engender hope: We have the tools and resources necessary to make a difference.

We learned that health-care quality is not a given and that disparities are pervasive throughout the U.S. health-care system. Wide variations in racial disparities exist across geographic lines. Substantial disparities exist in some areas, while equal treatment characterizes others. The problem of differences in health-care quality—from preventive care to lifesaving therapies to long-term care—should remain the target of policy makers and the health-care industry. Reducing quality disparities would play a major role in improving the health care received by all Americans.

We thank our partners, our sponsors, and, most of all, you for helping to make the summit and the awards dinner a success. While we still have far to go in improving the health care of all Americans, we are confident that this goal is achievable. We look forward to rolling up our sleeves with you. We can make a difference.

Have a very enjoyable evening.

Yours truly,

Gary A. Puckrein, PhD
President and Chief Executive Officer
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Robert Mallett
Leadership Awards Dinner Chair

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The Honorable Donna M. Christensen, MD
The Honorable Hilda L. Solis

Severo Ochoa Award
The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen

Lifetime Achievement Award
The Honorable James E. Clyburn

SPEAKER
Della Reese
Award-winning actress and singer

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Gary Gibbons, MD

SPEAKER
The Reverend Jesse Jackson

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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.”
SPEAKERS

ROBERT L. MALLETT

Robert L. Mallett is Senior Vice President for Worldwide Public Affairs and Policy for Pfizer Inc and President of the Pfizer Foundation. He supervises Pfizer’s philanthropy department, community health advocacy, corporate citizenship, multilateral institutions and global alliance development units. Prior to joining Pfizer in 2001, Mr. Mallett served within the Clinton Administration as Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce. He also served on the Board of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation. Prior to his federal executive service, Mr. Mallett served as City Administrator and Deputy Mayor for DC, and Legal Counsel to a former United States Senator. He has been an adjunct professor at Georgetown University and Harvard University. He also served as a law clerk to the Honorable John R. Brown of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Mr. Mallett graduated from Morehouse College and received his law degree from Harvard University.

DELLA REESE

Della Reese is a name that is synonymous with entertainment par excellence. She was born Deloreese Patricia in Detroit, Michigan. She began singing in church when she was 6 years old. At the age of 13, she was hired by the Late Mahalia Jackson to tour and perform with her. Later, while majoring in psychology at Wayne State University, in Detroit, Ms. Reese formed her own female gospel group, the Meditation Singers. In 1953, she became a vocalist with the Erskine Hawkins Orchestra. In 1959, she enjoyed her biggest hit, “Don’t You Know?” and was nominated for a Grammy as best female vocalist. This led to performing for the next nine years in Las Vegas. Ms. Reese was again nominated for a Grammy in 1987 as best female soloist in gospel. In the late 1950s and early 1960s, she appeared on many television shows that are now considered classics. She was also the first female to host The Tonight Show. She was soon asked to host her own talk show, Della (making her the first black woman to host her own show), which was syndicated nationally in 1969–70. Later she was to star in her own series, The Royal Family, with Redd Foxx. She received an Emmy nomination for her work in the television movie Nightmare in Badham County. Her most recent television credit was the CBS dramatic series Touched by an Angel.
REV. JESSE JACKSON

The Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr., is founder and president of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition. Rev. Jackson began his activism as a student in the summer of 1960, seeking to desegregate the local public library in Greenville, SC, and then as a leader in the sit-in movement. In 1965 he became a full-time organizer for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He was soon appointed by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to direct SCLC’s Operation Breadbasket. In December 1971, Rev. Jackson founded Operation PUSH (People United to Serve Humanity) in Chicago, IL. In 1984, Rev. Jackson founded the National Rainbow Coalition, a national social-justice organization based in Washington, DC. In September of 1996, the Rainbow Coalition and Operation PUSH merged into the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition to continue the work of both approaches and to maximize resources. Born on October 8, 1941, in Greenville, SC, Jesse Jackson enrolled in the University of Illinois on a football scholarship. He later transferred to North Carolina A&T State University, and was graduated in 1964. He began his theological studies at the Chicago Theological Seminary, but deferred his studies when he began working full-time in the Civil Rights Movement. Reverend Jackson earned a master of divinity degree in 2000.
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CHAIRMAN’S VISION AWARD

The 2008 Chairman’s Vision Award is being presented to each of the Tri-Caucus health task force chairs for visionary leadership in drafting the Health Equity and Accountability Act (H.R. 3014).

CONGRESSWOMAN MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO
Chairman’s Vision Award

A lifetime public servant, in 2003 Madeleine Z. Bordallo became the first woman to represent Guam in the U.S. House of Representatives. Congresswoman Bordallo brings to Congress over forty years of public service experience in the executive and legislative branches of the Government of Guam and numerous nongovernmental organizations. The 110th Congress is Ms. Bordallo’s third term. Congresswoman Bordallo is a member of the House Committee on Natural Resources and serves as the chairwoman of Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans. She also has a seat on the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, which has jurisdiction over issues affecting the insular areas. Congresswoman Bordallo is a member of the House Committee on Armed Services and is a member of the Subcommittee on Readiness and the Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces. In addition to her committee responsibilities, Congresswoman Bordallo serves as secretary of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus and also serves as the Chair of its Healthcare Task Force. She is a member of the U.S.-Philippines Friendship Caucus, the Korean Caucus, the Army Caucus, and the Navy/Marine Corps Caucus, the Travel and Tourism Caucus, and the Women’s Caucus. She graduated from George Washington High School in Mangilao, Guam, in 1951. She attended St. Mary’s College in South Bend, IN, and the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, MN.

CONGRESSWOMAN DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN
Chairman’s Vision Award

The Honorable Donna M. Christensen continues to distinguish herself as a leader in the United States Congress. As a Member serving her fifth term, she is the first female physician in the history of the U.S. Congress, the first woman to represent an offshore Territory, and the first woman Delegate from the United States Virgin Islands. In the 110th Congress, Delegate Christensen serves on the Committee on Natural Resources, which oversees territorial and public land issues, and on the Homeland Security Committee,

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which oversees preparing the nation to prevent and withstand attack. Delegate Christensen chairs the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, which oversees the affairs of the offshore territories to include Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Marianas Islands, and the free associated states of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau. Dr. Christensen chairs the Congressional Black Caucus’ Health Braintrust, which oversees and advocates minority health issues nationally and internationally. She earned a Bachelor of Science in 1966 at St. Mary’s College in Notre Dame, Indiana, and a Doctor of Medicine in 1970 from George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, DC. She became a board certified physician in 1977, and maintained a private practice in family medicine from 1975 until her election to Congress in 1996.

**CONGRESSWOMAN HILDA L. SOLIS**

**CHAIRMAN’S VISION AWARD**

First elected in 2000, Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis is serving her fourth term in the U.S. House of Representatives, representing California’s 32nd Congressional District. In August 2000, Solis became the first woman to receive the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award, for her pioneering work on environmental justice issues in California. Congresswoman Solis’ priorities in Congress include expanding access to affordable health insurance, protecting our environment, and improving the lives of working families. In 2003, she became the first Latina appointed to the powerful Committee on Energy and Commerce, where she is the vice chair of the Environment and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee and a member of the Health and Telecommunications Subcommittees. She is also a member of the House Committee on Natural Resources. In March 2007, Solis was named a member a the newly created House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming. Solis is vice chair of the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee and serves as a senior whip, as well as a regional whip for Southern California. She is also serving her third term as the chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus’ Task Force on Health and the Environment.
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SEVERO OCHOA AWARD

Born in Spain in 1905, Severo Ochoa won the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1959 for his contributions to the discovery of the mechanisms in the biological synthesis of ribonucleic acid and deoxyribonucleic acid. The Severo Ochoa Award recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding contribution to the eradication of HIV/AIDS in minority communities.

CONGRESSWOMAN ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

Since her election in 1989 to the U.S. Congress, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen has represented Florida’s 18th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Forced to flee with her family from the communist regime of Fidel Castro, Representative Ros-Lehtinen became the first Hispanic woman and first Cuban-American elected to Congress and a powerful voice for the South Florida community. After completing public education in Miami and graduating from Miami-Dade Community College, she followed her passion for education and earned a bachelor of arts in education from Florida International University. She then founded and served as the chief administrator of a private elementary school and earned a master’s degree in educational leadership at Florida International University, and a doctorate of higher education from the University of Miami. She was elected in 1982 to the Florida State House of Representatives, becoming the first Hispanic woman in that body. She was then elected to the Florida State Senate in 1986. Whilst serving, Representative Ros-Lehtinen met and married fellow Florida legislator Dexter Lehtinen, who went on to be the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida. When the 18th Congressional District seat was vacated by the passing of Claude Pepper in 1989, she won the seat, and has been strongly returned to Congress since.
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
The Lifetime Achievement Award each year honors an individual whose lifework has had a significant impact on minority health.

CONGRESSMAN JAMES E. CLYBURN
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

On November 16, 2006, the House Democratic Caucus unanimously elected Congressman James E. Clyburn of South Carolina Majority Whip for the 110th Congress. Congressman Clyburn became the first South Carolinian and the second African American to ascend to the third ranking position in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was a history teacher in Charleston, SC, and later served as an employment counselor, and director of two youth and community development programs. In 1968, he became director of a migrant and seasonal farm workers program. He later joined the administration of Governor John Carl West becoming the first African American advisor to a South Carolina governor since Reconstruction. After almost four years on his staff, Governor West appointed Jim South Carolina Human Affairs Commissioner. In 1992, Jim resigned his position to run for the U.S. Congress, where no black South Carolinian had served since 1897. He was sworn in as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives in January 1993. Congressman Clyburn was unanimously elected Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus and to a seat on the Appropriations Committee. In 2002, he was elected to serve as vice chair of the House Democratic Caucus, and in January 2006, his peers unanimously elevated him to chair of the Caucus.
HEALTH PROMOTION AND DISEASE PREVENTION AWARD

The Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Award each year recognizes an individual or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to the promotion of wellness in minority communities.

ROBERT J. TEMPLE, MD
Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Award

Robert Temple is director of the Office of Medical Policy of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) and is also acting director of the Office of Drug Evaluation I (ODE-I). He has served in this capacity since the office’s establishment in 1995. Dr. Temple received his medical degree from the New York University School of Medicine in 1967. In 1972 he joined CDER as a review medical officer in the Division of Metabolic and Endocrine Drug Products. He later moved into the position of director of the Division of Cardio-Renal Drug Products. In his current position, Dr. Temple oversees ODE-I, which is responsible for the regulation of cardio-renal, neuropharmacologic, and psychopharmacologic drug products. He also oversees the Office of Medical Policy, which is responsible for regulation of promotion through the Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communication and for assessing quality of clinical trials. Dr. Temple has a longstanding interest in the design and conduct of clinical trials and has written extensively on this subject, especially on choice of control group in clinical trials, evaluation of active control trials, trials to evaluate dose-response, and trials using “enrichment” designs.
SANTIAGO RAMÓN Y CAJAL AWARD

Born in 1852 in Spain, Santiago Ramón y Cajal won the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1906 for his work on the structure of the nervous system. The Santiago Ramón y Cajal Award each year recognizes an individual or organization that has produced outstanding research on minority health.

GARY H. GIBBONS, MD
SANTIAGO RAMÓN Y CAJAL AWARD

Gary H. Gibbons is the Director of the Morehouse Cardiovascular Research Institute, a NIH-NHLBI sponsored Research Center of Excellence. He is also an attending cardiologist in the Division of Cardiology at the Morehouse School of Medicine. Dr. Gibbons earned his undergraduate degree from Princeton University and graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Medical School in Boston. He completed his residency and cardiology fellowship at the Harvard-affiliated Brigham & Women’s Hospital in Boston. His research mentors include Victor Dzau, Thomas Smith, A. Clifford Barger and Eugene Braunwald. He has been selected as a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Minority Faculty Development Awardee, a PEW Foundation Biomedical Scholar and an Established Investigator of the American Heart Association (AHA). Dr. Gibbons was a member of the faculty at Stanford University (1990–1996) and Harvard Medical School (1996–1999) before becoming Director of the Morehouse Cardiovascular Research Institute in July 1999. He serves on several editorial boards for journals in cardiovascular medicine as well as grant review committees for the NIH, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and the AHA. Dr. Gibbons directs NIH-funded research in the fields of vascular biology and the pathogenesis of vascular diseases. The innovations derived from his research resulted in the receipt of several US patents. His bibliography lists over 70 reviews and original reports in the fields of vascular biology, gene therapy, hypertension, atherosclerosis and cardiovascular medicine. He is married with three children and resides in Atlanta, Georgia.
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