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15th Annual Leadership Awards Dinner

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2016 Annual National Leadership Awards Dinner. Our theme this year for the Leadership Summit on Health Disparities, “Building Sustainable Communities: Delivering Quality Healthcare,” is resonant of the duality of the achievements of health system reform, and its unfulfilled yet very real potential. Initiatives to achieve our vision of sustainable communities must assure that every healthcare consumer is proactively and constructively included in the research, policies and metrics that define quality healthcare for the 21st century and beyond.

Our leadership awards tonight recognize current leaders who have never wavered in their resolve to build sustainable communities and deliver quality healthcare; and future leaders who are well prepared to expand upon those efforts. Lifetime achievement awards for Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, Dr. Wayne Riley, and Mr. Joel Freedman are well-deserved additions to the pantheon of awardees.

In addition, this year the National Minority Quality Forum is introducing a new, annual category of awards to be conferred to the future generation of leaders in minority health — young professionals under 40 who are well prepared to assume leadership positions. For 2016, 40 awardees under age 40 have been identified. They are profiled in this program. Review the material. Get to know them. They are vital to a future that sustains us all!

Sincerely,

Gary A. Puckrein, PhD
President and CEO, National Minority Quality Forum
Host, 2016 Leadership Awards Dinner

The Honorable Robin L. Kelly, PhD
Chair, Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust
Honorary Co-Host, 2016 Leadership Awards Dinner
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 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.”

National Minority Health Month is an inclusive initiative that addresses the health needs of African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, Native Americans, and other minorities. Its goal is to strengthen the capacity of local communities to eliminate the disproportionate burden of premature death and preventable illness in minority populations through prevention, early detection, and control of disease complications.

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GREETINGS:
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American Medical Association

REMARKS:
Joel Freedman
President & Chief Executive Officer,
Paladin Healthcare

2016 LEADERSHIP AWARDS:
40 UNDER 40 MINORITY LEADERS IN HEALTH & HEALTH CARE
The National Minority Quality Forum 40 Under 40 Leaders in Minority Health Awards honor influential young minority leaders making a difference in health care.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:
Joel Freedman
President & Chief Executive Officer,
Paladin Healthcare

INTRODUCING THE CONGRESSIONAL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER:
Cong. Robin L. Kelly, PhD
Chair, Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust

CONGRESSIONAL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:
The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson, RN
US Congresswoman (D-TX)

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:
Wayne J. Riley, MD, MPH, MBA, MACP
President, American College of Physicians
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Joel Freedman
President & Chief Executive Officer, Paladin Healthcare

Joel Freedman currently serves as President of Paladin Healthcare Capital and Paladin Healthcare Management. He recently served as President and co-founder of Avanti Hospitals LLC, which acquired, turned around, and continues to own and operate four highly successful community hospitals in South and East Los Angeles, which are among the most disadvantaged and underrepresented communities in the US.

Prior to establishing Avanti, Mr. Freedman served as Managing Partner of Paladin Capital, a corporate finance advisory firm, where he completed more than $800 million of healthcare transactions. With more than 28 years of experience in the areas of capital strategy and implementation, mergers and acquisitions, operational turnarounds, and business reorganizations, he has been involved in the analysis, structuring, and implementation of more than 175 transactions totaling more than $3 billion. In 2004, he co-founded CompWest Insurance Company, an innovative California-based workers compensation insurance company that was sold in 2007 to a subsidiary of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan.

Mr. Freedman is a founding member of the Healthcare Policy Advisory Council for Harvard Medical School and Chairman of Harvard’s Healthcare Markets and Regulatory Lab, which is deeply involved in the transformation of the healthcare system at both a federal and state level. He is also a member of the Board of the Leonard D. Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics at the University of Southern California, which seeks to measurably improve value in health through evidence-based policy solutions, research excellence, transformative education, and private and public sector engagement. He also serves on the Boards of Children’s Bureau, one of the largest investors in child abuse prevention in the US; and the Foundation for AltaMed Health Services, the largest independent Federally Qualified Community Health Center operator in the country, serving more than 140,000 community members through 43 clinics in underserved communities throughout Los Angeles and Orange Counties.
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CONGRESSIONAL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Lifetime Achievement Award each year honors an individual whose life work has had a significant impact on the health of emerging populations.

The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson, RN
US Congresswoman (D-TX)

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson is in her twelfth term in Congress representing the 30th Congressional District of Texas.

In December of 2010, Congresswoman Johnson was elected as the first African-American and the first female Ranking Member of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology. From 2000 to 2002, she was the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Research and Science Education. Within these roles, Congresswoman Johnson continues to emphasize the need to invest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education.

In addition to the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology, she is also a current member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. She has served on this panel since being elected to Congress in 1992 making her the highest ranking Texas on the committee. She also serves on the Aviation Subcommittee, the Highways and Transit Subcommittee and Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee.

In 2007, Congresswoman Johnson was appointed by House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman James L. Oberstar (D-MN) to serve as Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment during the 110th and 111th sessions of Congress. She was the first African-American and first female to chair the Subcommittee. While holding this position, Congresswoman Johnson co-authored and introduced the Water Resources Development Act. She successfully secured necessary votes, and led Congress in overriding President Bush’s veto of the legislation. The veto override was one of only three experienced by President Bush during the eight years of his presidency. The Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment has jurisdiction over water conservation, pollution control, infrastructure, and hazardous waste cleanup among other items.

Congresswoman Johnson is the Founder and Co-Chair of the Diversity and Innovation Caucus and of the House Historical Black Colleges and Universities Caucus. She has also had the honor of serving as chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus during the 107th Congress, and currently co-chairs the Technology and Infrastructure Development Taskforce within the Congressional Black Caucus. In addition to these roles, she is a current member of the Congressional Task Force on Seniors.
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Wayne J. Riley, MD, MPH, MBA, MACP
President, American College of Physicians

Dr. Wayne Joseph Riley, President, American College of Physicians, is one of our nation’s most respected and accomplished physicians and leaders of American medicine. Founded in 1915—the ACP is the nation’s largest medical specialty society representing physicians who practice the specialty of Internal Medicine with a membership of 144,000. He is the third African-American Internist to serve as ACP President in 100 years.

An academic general internist, Dr. Riley received training in Internal Medicine at the renowned Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas. Dr. Riley is a graduate of the Morehouse School of Medicine and earned the B.A. from Yale University, an MPH from Tulane University School of Public Health and holds an MBA from the Jones Graduate School of Management at Rice University.

From 2007 to July of 2013 he served with distinction as the 10th President & Chief Executive Officer and Tenured Professor of Medicine at Meharry Medical College. In addition to his ACP responsibilities, Dr. Riley is also currently Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and an Adjunct Professor of Healthcare Management at Vanderbilt’s Owen Graduate School of Management.

He is a member of the prestigious Institute of Medicine, now formally known as the National Academy of Medicine (USA) where he serves as Chair of the Administration of Health Services, Education and Research Section of the National Academy of Medicine. He has been awarded two honorary degrees and is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society and the Arnold P. Gold Medical Humanism Honor Medical Society.
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