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The second decade of the 21st century is rapidly coming to a close, yet our American health services research, delivery and financing system is not structured to ensure access for the increasingly biodiverse American general population. The continued implementation of the historic Affordable Care Act is eliminating barriers to access for underserved Americans. However, the promise of high quality services for all American healthcare consumers is a goal that is not yet visible on the horizon. Our theme this year, “The March Toward Health Equity”, reflects our joint commitment to harnessing the political, societal and economic forces necessary to achieve health equity in America.

Tonight we recognize two champions in these efforts: The Honorable James “Jim” Clyburn, and Mr. John Castellani. They are long-overdue additions to the pantheon of awardees who have demonstrated courage and vision in their leadership.

Join us in celebrating their accomplishments, and in setting the stage for the leaders of the future.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Robin L. Kelly, Chairwoman
CBC Health Braintrust

Gary A. Puckrein, PhD, President and CEO
National Minority Quality Forum
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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Julie K. Goonewardene was elected to the American Medical Association Board of Trustees as its public member in November 2011 and officially began serving her four-year term in June 2012. She is the third person ever to hold this position.

Ms. Goonewardene is the associate vice chancellor for innovation and strategic investment for the University of Texas (UT) System. In this role she serves as the strategic leader and advisor for the UT System and UT institutions in all areas related to the commercialization, growth, and expansion of innovation and entrepreneurship. Her areas of responsibility include the UT Horizon Fund and development of sustainable academic-industry partnerships. In addition to her work at UT, she also serves on the board of the Personalized Medicine Coalition.

In October 2014 Ms. Goonewardene was appointed to the National Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship (NACIE), an advisory committee to the U.S. Department of Commerce. The NACIE advises the Commerce Department secretary on issues related to accelerating innovation, expanding entrepreneurship and developing a globally competitive workforce.

Previously Ms. Goonewardene was the associate vice chancellor for innovation and entrepreneurship at the University of Kansas (KU). She also served as president of KU Innovation & Collaboration and as a professor of practice at the KU School of Business. Prior to her time at KU, she held various positions at Purdue University where one of her primary focus areas was company formation and capital acquisition for start-up companies. While at Purdue she designed and managed Purdue’s first venture fund.

Recognized as an expert in bringing groups together across the health care spectrum to develop solutions to medical issues, Ms. Goonewardene is an experienced entrepreneur. She co-founded and served as president of a venture-backed software company, which she sold in 2004. Previously she was president of an information technology consulting firm and co-founder of an IT professional services firm that went public three years after its inception.

Ms. Goonewardene is a frequent speaker both nationally and internationally on entrepreneurship and an author on innovation. She is a member of the Economic Club of Chicago and the Chicago Finance Exchange, and is a trustee of Springboard Enterprises, a national nonprofit venture catalyst.

Ms. Goonewardene holds a Bachelor of Science with honors in general management and a Master of Science in health communication both from Purdue University. She is married to James Wallin. They have three children.
Lilly salutes the National Minority Quality Forum for its leadership in addressing health disparities.
Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke, a Brooklyn native proud of her Jamaican heritage, attended the New York City public schools, graduated from Oberlin College, and was a recipient of the prestigious APPAM/Sloan Fellowship in Public Policy and Policy Analysis.

Congresswoman Clarke was elected to the United States House of Representatives in November 2006 and today represents the Ninth Congressional District of New York.

Prior to being elected to the House of Representatives, Congresswoman Clarke served on the New York City Council, representing the Fortieth District in Brooklyn. She succeeded her pioneering mother, former City Council Member Dr. Una S. T. Clarke, making them the first mother-daughter succession in the history of the City Council.

As the representative of the Ninth Congressional District of New York, she has dedicated herself to continuing the legacy of excellence established by the late Honorable Shirley Chisholm, the first African American woman and Caribbean American elected to Congress. As an activist, a community organizer and now as a legislator, Congresswoman Clarke’s boldness, compassion and love for the people has allowed her to become an effective leader and an outspoken advocate on numerous issues of great importance to her constituents.

In the 114th Congress, Congresswoman Clarke serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee, responsible for consumer protection, food safety, energy development, public health, communications, the environment, and interstate and international commerce.

In the 111th and 112th Congress, Congresswoman Clarke served on several Committees including Education and Labor, Homeland Security and Small Business. In the 113th Congress, Congresswoman Clarke served on the Committees of Homeland Security, Ethics, and Small Business. An unwavering champion of her native Brooklyn, she has worked with non-profit organizations, local community groups and appropriators to secure millions of dollars in essential federal support for the district. As a result, major institutions received funds, including the Brooklyn Academy of Music, the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, the Brooklyn Public Library, the Brooklyn Children’s Museum, the Prospect Park Alliance and the New York State Department of Transportation.

As a testament to what Representative Clarke has accomplished in her first term, she received an OAO rating from the Drum Major Institute and TheMiddleClass.org; a 100 percent rating by Peace Action, The Brady Campaign and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU); and was the only Member of Congress in the New York Congressional delegation to receive an OAO rating from the Institute of Policy Studies. She was also named After-School Hero by The After-School Corporation for her work on the House Education and Labor Committee. In May 2009, Rep. Clarke was also presented with an honorary Doctorate Law Degree from St. Francis College.
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President Barack Obama has said he is, “One of a handful of people who, when they speak, the entire Congress listens.” As Assistant Democratic Leader in the 114th Congress, the number three Democrat in the House, James E. Clyburn is the leadership liaison to the Appropriations Committee, one of the Democratic Caucus’s primary liaisons to the White House and Chair of the recently formed House Democrats’s Democratic Outreach & Engagement Task Force.

His humble beginnings in Sumter, South Carolina, as the eldest son of an activist fundamentalist minister and an independent civic minded beautician, grounded him securely in family, faith and public service. He was elected president of his NAACP youth chapter when he was 12 years old, helped organize many civil rights marches and demonstrations as a student leader at South Carolina State College, and even met his wife Emily in jail during one of his incarcerations.

When Clyburn came to Congress in 1993, he was elected co-President of his Freshman class and quickly rose through leadership ranks. He was elected Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus in 1999, and his reputation as a leader and consensus-builder helped him win a difficult three-way race for House Democratic Caucus Vice Chair in 2002. Three years later, he was unanimously elected Chair of the Democratic Caucus. When Democrats regained the House majority in 2006, Congressman Clyburn was elevated by his colleagues to House Majority Whip.

As a national leader he has worked to respond to the needs of America’s diverse communities. He championed rural communities supporting the development of regional water projects, community health centers, and broadband connections. He has supported higher education by leading the charge for increased Pell grants; investing millions in science and math programs and historic preservation at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. He has encouraged economic development by securing funding for Empowerment Zones; investing in green technology development such as nuclear, wind, hydrogen and biofuels; and directing 10 percent of Recovery Act funding to communities 20 percent under the poverty level for the past 30 years. Clyburn was instrumental in advancing into law measures to resolve historic discrimination issues, significantly reducing the statutory disparity in cocaine sentencing and compensating African and Native American farmers who suffered racial discrimination under the USDA loan program.

Jim and Emily Clyburn have three daughters, Mignon, Jennifer Reed, and Angela Hannibal; two sons-in-law, Walter Reed and Cecil Hannibal; and three grandchildren, Walter A Clyburn- Reed, Sydney Alexis Reed, and Layla Joann Clyburn Hannibal.
New horizons in affordable healthcare
John J. Castellani is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), which represents America’s leading biopharmaceutical research companies. The biopharmaceutical sector directly employs over 810,000 Americans, and invested more than $50 billion in 2013 alone to develop new medicines that help patients fight disease and live longer, healthier lives.

At the nexus of public policy, health and business, Mr. Castellani leads PhRMA’s work to preserve and strengthen a healthcare and economic environment that fosters medical innovation, new drug discovery and access to life-saving medicines. He is a passionate advocate for a strong American biopharmaceutical research industry that plays a critical role in helping improve patients’ health in the U.S. and around the world.

Recognized each year by The Hill newspaper as one of America’s top health care policy experts, Mr. Castellani is a member of the Board of Trustees at Sibley Memorial Hospital and a member of the Board of Directors of the National Health Council. He was also honored with the Bryce Harlow Foundation’s prestigious Business-Government Relations Award, recognizing his leadership and exemplary, life-long contribution to the public affairs and advocacy profession.

Mr. Castellani is a former President and CEO of Business Roundtable, an association of chief executive officers of leading U.S. corporations with a combined workforce of nearly 12 million employees and $6 trillion in annual revenues.

Prior to Business Roundtable, Mr. Castellani was Executive Vice President of Tenneco, Inc.

Mr. Castellani, who began his career as an environmental scientist at General Electric, earned his bachelor’s degree at Union College in Schenectady, New York.
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