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Each year we gather at this dinner to celebrate selected individuals and organizations for their outstanding contributions to improving the health and quality of life of the American people. In most cases, the many people who 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 four consummate Americans: Senator Daniel Akaka of Hawaii, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee of Texas, Congressman Rubén Hinojosa of Texas, and Dr. James Gavin. We also celebrate Doctors Hospital at Renaissance and the Boston Scientific “Close the Gap” Initiative. We honor their excellence, their deep commitment to America, and their encouragement of 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 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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Jason Spees, Director of Sales, Boston Scientific

Lifetime Achievement Award
James Gavin, MD, PhD

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Accepted by
Dr. Carlos Cardenas, Chairman, Doctors Hospital at Renaissance Board of Directors
and
Dr. Marcel Twahirwa, Medical Director, Joslin Clinic at Renaissance

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NATIONAL 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 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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OPENING REMARKS

DAVID O. BARBE, MD, MHA

David O. Barbe, a board-certified family physician from Mountain Grove, MO, was elected to the American Medical Association (AMA) Board of Trustees in June 2009. Dr. Barbe has a long history of service to organized medicine. He has been a member of the AMA, the Missouri State Medical Association, and the American Academy of Family Physicians for more than 25 years. He has served on the Missouri State Medical Association board continuously for more than 20 years, serving as chair in 2003 and president in 2005. Prior to his election to the AMA Board of Trustees, Dr. Barbe was elected to two terms on the AMA Council on Medical Service, serving as its chair from June 2008 to June 2009. As a member of the council, Dr. Barbe participated in the development of much of the AMA policy related to coverage of the uninsured, health-care-system reform, Medicare reform, and health-insurance-market reform. He currently serves as the secretary of the AMA and on the AMA Board of Trustees Executive Committee.

Dr. Barbe received his bachelor’s degree with honors in microbiology and his medical doctorate from the University of Missouri–Columbia School of Medicine. He also received his master of health administration from the University of Missouri–Columbia. Following residency, Dr. Barbe returned to his home town of Mountain Grove in rural southern Missouri and established a practice in traditional family medicine, including obstetrics and minor surgery. After 15 years in independent practice, he merged his group with Mercy–St. John’s Clinic, Springfield, MO, and he now serves as the regional division president of the 575-physician multispecialty integrated group. He also serves on the executive management team of Mercy–St. John’s Health System, which was ranked number one in the nation in Verispan’s 100 Top Integrated Health Networks in 2007 and 2009.
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CHARLES RICHARD DREW AWARD

Born on June 3, 1904, Charles Richard Drew developed the first blood bank and established the American Red Cross Blood Bank, of which he was the first director. The Charles Richard Drew Award is given to an organization or individual for meritorious work in the area of cardiovascular health in emerging populations.

BOSTON SCIENTIFIC CLOSE THE GAP INITIATIVE

In 2006, Boston Scientific brought together a team of physicians and health-care professionals from across the country to look at ways to address disparities in cardiovascular care for underserved and high-risk patient populations, including women, black Americans, and Hispanic/Latino Americans. These discussions resulted in Close the Gap, a health-equity initiative sponsored by Boston Scientific. Close the Gap aims to eliminate cardiovascular-care disparities, helping to ensure that all patients receive optimal cardiac care regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, or primary language. Close the Gap focuses on three areas: community education, patient values, and quality measures.

Close the Gap’s community-education focus is to increase awareness of cardiovascular risk factors through a variety of community programs. By increasing awareness of risk factors, it hopes to identify and help more high-risk patients. Its efforts to achieve this goal include partnering with community institutions, including faith-based organizations, collegiate and professional athletic organizations, and patient-advocacy groups. Close the Gap also partners with health-care institutions and medical professional organizations to help health-care providers at all levels learn about the cultural beliefs that can act as barriers to acceptance among underserved populations. Finally, Close the Gap is working to help raise awareness of heart-failure quality measures and is advocating the inclusion of implantable-cardioverter-defibrillator therapy as recommended treatment for patients at risk of sudden cardiac arrest. Spotlighting the existing and growing cache of evidence-based medicine can help medical guidelines be reviewed and enhanced to further ensure that proven, effective cardiac therapies are offered to all patients who would benefit from them.
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JAMES R. GAVIN III, MD, PhD

Lifetime Achievement Award

James R. Gavin III, MD, PhD, is chief executive officer and chief medical officer of Healing Our Village, Inc., and clinical professor of medicine, Emory University School of Medicine and Indiana University School of Medicine. Dr. Gavin is past president of the Morehouse School of Medicine.

Before joining the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, he was professor and chief of the Diabetes Section and William K. Warren Professor for Diabetes Studies at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. He belongs to a number of organizations, including the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of Sciences, the American Diabetes Association, the American Society of Clinical Investigation, and the American Association of Physicians. He is a past president of the American Diabetes Association. He is on the board of trustees for Livingstone College and Emory University. He is a trustee emeritus with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. He is also national program director of the Harold Amos Faculty Development Program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Dr. Gavin is past chairman of the National Diabetes Education Program. He is chair of the Data and Safety Monitoring Board of the Veterans Administration Diabetes Trial.

Dr. Gavin has published more than 220 articles and abstracts. He is author of Healing our Village: A Self-Care Guide for Diabetes Control, third edition (with L. Coleman), and Dr. Gavin’s Health Guide for African Americans (with S. Landrum). The many honors Dr. Gavin has received include the Emory University Medal, the Banting Medal for Distinguished Service from the American Diabetes Association, the Distinguished Alumni Award from Duke University School of Medicine, the Public Policy Leadership Award from the American Diabetes Association, and Internist of the Year from the National Medical Association. He was named a Living Legend in Diabetes by the American Association of Diabetes Educators in 2009. He was named a 175th Anniversary History Maker Award recipient for Emory University in 2011. He is also chairman of the board for the Partnership for a Healthier America, an organization that works intimately with First Lady Michelle Obama’s Let’s Move Initiative to reduce childhood obesity.
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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.

DOCTORS HOSPITAL AT RENAISSANCE

BERNARDO ALBERTO HOUSSAY AWARD

In 1995, eight forward-thinking physicians in Edinburg, Texas embarked on a remarkable journey that continues to this day. Concerned that the residents of the Rio Grande Valley lacked access to necessary healthcare services, the founders of Doctors Hospital at Renaissance worked diligently for two years to lay the groundwork for what would become one of the United States’ top-ranked hospitals. Today, Doctors Hospital at Renaissance (DHR) is a full service medical and surgical facility, with over 50 specialties and sub-specialties, providing quality health care to the residents of the Rio Grande Valley in Texas. DHR is one of the largest physician-owned facilities in the United States and offers some of the most comprehensive medical care on the U.S. Southern Border. What sets DHR apart from traditional systems is the fact that it is owned and managed by actively practicing physicians. As a result, decisions critical to patient care—such as what type of equipment to purchase or what the nursing staff-to-patient ratio should be—are made by physicians who are on the front lines treating patients. For example, DHR recently invested over $32 million to create an Electronic Medical Record System to improve patient care. Additionally, DHR launched a county-wide effort to create an electronic community medical record platform (RioOne Health Network) that will integrate all medical health record systems in Hidalgo County and allow for physician collaboration on patient care across multiple platforms.

Beginning as an outpatient surgical center in 1997, Doctors Hospital at Renaissance now operates 530 licensed beds and is home to a medical staff of over 580 physicians and 3,500 nurses and ancillary staff. In 2011, the American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP) recognized Doctors Hospital at Renaissance as one of 26 ACS NSQIP participating hospitals in the United States that achieved exemplary outcomes for surgical patient care. In addition, in 2011 and 2012 U.S. News & World Report named DHR as one of the Best Regional Hospitals in America.

Doctors Hospital at Renaissance is pleased to be affiliated with the Diabetes Care Project to improve patient outcomes among people living with diabetes in the Rio Grande Valley.
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SPEAKER

REGINA M. BENJAMIN, MD, MBA

Regina M. Benjamin, MD, MBA, is the 18th Surgeon General of the United States. As America’s Doctor, she provides the public with the best scientific information available on how to improve their health and the health of the nation. Dr. Benjamin also oversees the operational command of 6,500 uniformed public health officers who serve in locations around the world to promote and protect the health of the American People. From her early days as the founder of a rural health clinic in Alabama—which she kept in operation despite damage and destruction inflicted by Hurricanes Georges (1998) and Katrina (2005) and a devastating fire (2006)—to her leadership role in the worldwide advancement of preventive health care, Dr. Benjamin has forged a career that has been recognized by a broad spectrum of organizations and publications. Dr. Benjamin has a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Xavier University, New Orleans, a doctorate in medicine from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and a master’s degree in business administration from Tulane University. She attended Morehouse School of Medicine and completed her family medicine residency in Macon, GA. Dr. Benjamin is the recipient of 15 honorary degrees.
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MARY ELIZA MAHONEY AWARD

Born in 1852, Mary Eliza Mahoney was the United States’ first black professional nurse. She graduated from the New England Hospital for Women and Children Training School for Nurses in 1879. The Mary Eliza Mahoney Award recognizes an individual or organization that has made outstanding contributions in promoting access to health care in emerging populations.

SENATOR DANIEL KAHIKINA AKACA
MARY ELIZA MAHONEY AWARD

US Senator Daniel Kahikina Akaka is America’s first senator of Native Hawaiian ancestry and the only Chinese American member of the US Senate. Like many of his generation, Senator Akaka’s youth was interrupted by World War II. Upon graduation from high school, he served as a civilian worker in the US Army Corps of Engineers from 1943 to 1945 and then in active duty in the US Army from 1945 to 1947. Following the war, Senator Akaka returned to school, enrolling in the University of Hawaii. A strong believer in the power of education, he made it his career, as a teacher and principal in the State of Hawaii Department of Education. First elected to the US House in 1976, Congressman Akaka was appointed to the Senate when Senator Spark Matsunaga passed away. Senator Akaka was subsequently elected to the office in 1990 and reelected in 1994, 2000, and 2006.

Senator Akaka is a powerful champion of the rights of indigenous peoples. He brings the unique perspective of Hawaii’s history and multicultural society to bear in his efforts to promote dialogue and reconciliation between Native Hawaiians and the Federal Government and to heighten awareness of the rights and circumstances of indigenous peoples in the United States and worldwide. Senator Akaka has been a long-standing champion of improved health-care delivery nationally, while recognizing the unique challenges and needs of Hawaii. His work in this area is centered on building upon an extraordinary accomplishment: the enactment of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Senator Akaka is focused on eliminating health-care disparities, particularly with regard to Native Hawaiians, Native Americans, and minority populations. He is a member of the bipartisan Senate Rural Health Caucus and is a strong supporter of medical research, mental-health care services, preventative health care, and health-promotion activities. As a senior member and past chairman of the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee and member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Senator Akaka has had a special interest and strong record in preserving and expanding access to health care for the members of our armed services and their families and the veterans who have honorably served our nation.
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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 emerging populations.

THE HONORABLE RUBÉN HINOJOSA
Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Award

Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX) represents the 15th Congressional District of Texas. Elected in 1996, Congressman Hinojosa is serving his 8th term as a U.S. Representative for the 15th Congressional District, which stretches from the Rio Grande Valley to historic Goliad County and the Coastal Bend region. Much of the region is rural; however, Hidalgo and Cameron County are one of the fastest growing metropolitan statistical areas in the country. In Congress, Rubén Hinojosa is regarded as a champion for the disadvantaged and has distinguished himself as a strong advocate for education, housing and economic development.

Since coming to Congress in 1997, Congressman Hinojosa has also brought millions of dollars in federal funding to the 15th Congressional District to build new health facilities, expand existing ones and support programs that keep Texans healthy. His assistance has been key in projects such as the Driscoll Children’s Specialty Center in McAllen, the Vannie Cook Pediatric Cancer Clinic, Nuestra Clinica del Valle, and the Shepherd’s Community Health Center in Beeville. He has fought for Veterans to have access to surgical care in the Rio Grande Valley instead of having to travel 250 miles to San Antonio and was instrumental in bringing the newly opened, high-tech, multi-story VA Medical Center to Harlingen.

Congressman Hinojosa has championed legislation that will improve the health care system for all Americans including the Affordable Health Care Act. He is a member of the Congressional Rural Health Caucus because he understands that rural communities face unique challenges in attracting health professionals and in developing quality facilities. He is also a member of the Congressional Diabetes Caucus because he understands the importance of preventing and curing this disease which is becoming an epidemic in the 15th Congressional district.

Congressman Hinojosa actively supports the effort to create new formulas for Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement so that physicians and hospitals can continue to serve rural communities, seniors, children and those unable to afford care. Additionally, he fights every year for increased medical research funding at the National Institutes of Health to address health epidemics such as diabetes and stroke, and cancer.
The American Hospital Association commends the **NATIONAL MINORITY QUALITY FORUM** for its leadership in pursuing health equity. We share the Forum’s dedication to eliminating health care disparities among minority populations.

For more information on the AHA’s efforts and examples of hospital leadership in eliminating disparities, go to [www.aha.org/disparities](http://www.aha.org/disparities).
SPEAKER

LAWRENCE M. KRAUSS, PhD

Lawrence M. Krauss, PhD, is a renowned cosmologist and science popularizer. He is foundation professor in the School of Earth and Space Exploration and director of the Origins Project at Arizona State University. Hailed by Scientific American as a rare public intellectual, he is also the author of more than three hundred scientific publications and nine books, including the international bestseller The Physics of Star Trek and his most recent bestseller A Universe from Nothing.

Dr. Krauss received his doctorate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1982 and then joined the Society of Fellows at Harvard University and was a professor at Yale University and chair of the Physics Department at Case Western Reserve University before taking his present position. Internationally known for his work in theoretical physics, he is the winner of numerous international awards and is the only physicist to have received major awards from all three US physics societies: the American Physical Society, the American Institute of Physics, and the American Association of Physics Teachers. Dr. Krauss is also a commentator and essayist for newspapers, such as the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal, and has written regular columns for New Scientist and Scientific American.

He appears regularly on radio and television. He is one of the few scientists to have crossed the chasm between science and popular culture, and he is also active in issues of science and society. He serves as cochair of the Board of Sponsors of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists and on the Board of Directors of the Federation of American Scientists.
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CONGRESSWOMAN SHEILA JACKSON LEE
Lifetime Achievement Award

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee is serving her ninth term as a member of the United States House of Representatives. She represents the 18th Congressional District of Texas, centered in Houston. In the 110th Congress, Congresswoman Jackson Lee was named the new Chairwoman of the Homeland Security Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection. She sits on three Congressional Committees – the House Committees on the Judiciary, Homeland Security, and Foreign Affairs. Congresswoman Jackson Lee contributed an amendment to the NASA reauthorization bill this year that will ensure equal access for minority and economically disadvantaged students to NASA’s education programs. In addition, the Congresswoman launched the Dr. Mae C. Jemison Grant Program to work with institutions serving minorities to bring more women of color in the field of space and aeronautics.

Congresswoman Jackson Lee regards health care as one of the most pressing issues facing this country and the world. She has been a staunch supporter of legislation that aims to eliminate health disparities in this country, fight the HIV/AIDS pandemic, combat the childhood obesity crisis facing this nation, and provide health insurance coverage for all Americans. She believes that quality healthcare should be affordable and accessible to all. Congresswoman Jackson Lee was awarded the “Legislator of the Year” by the National Mental Health Association for her outstanding work on mental health legislation.

Congresswoman Jackson Lee fully understands the urgent need to provide a high-quality, accessible, and affordable health care system for all and is working hard to tackle the problem of the uninsured and the underinsured. Of utmost concern to Congresswoman Jackson Lee is ensuring that every child in this country has access to adequate health insurance.

Congresswoman Jackson Lee has been hailed by Ebony magazine as one of the 100 Most Fascinating Black Women of the 20th Century. Congressional Quarterly named Congresswoman Jackson Lee as one of the 50 most effective members of Congress. U.S. News & World Report named her as one of the 10 most influential legislators in the House of Representatives. And the Houston Chronicle named Congresswoman Jackson Lee as one of the most influential and prolific legislators on Capitol Hill.
SPEAKER

HONORABLE WILLIE L. BROWN, JR.

Two-term mayor of San Francisco, legendary Speaker of the California State Assembly, and widely regarded as the most influential African American politician of the late twentieth century, Willie L. Brown, Jr., has been at the center of California politics, government, and civic life for an astonishing four decades. His career spans US presidencies from Lyndon Johnson to George W. Bush, and he has worked with every California governor from Pat Brown to Arnold Schwarzenegger. From civil rights to education reform, tax policy, economic development, health care, international trade, domestic partnerships, and affirmative action, he has left his imprimatur on every aspect of politics and public policy in the Golden State. As mayor of California’s most cosmopolitan city, he refurbished and rebuilt the nation’s busiest transit system, pioneered the use of bond measures to build affordable housing, created a model juvenile-justice system, and paved the way for a second campus of the University of California, San Francisco, to serve as the anchor of a new development that will position the city as a center for the burgeoning field of biotechnology. Today, he heads the Willie L. Brown, Jr., Institute on Politics and Public Service, where this acknowledged master of the art of politics shares his knowledge and skills with a new generation of California leaders.

Willie Brown served two terms as the 41st mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, from 1996 to 2004. He was Speaker of the California State Assembly (longest-serving Speaker in California history, from 1980 to 1995) and one of two African Americans. From 1964 to 1995 he was a member of the California State Assembly, where he was chair, Committee on Ways and Means (youngest in history of California and only African American). He is on the Board of Trustees, California State University system (23 campuses and 350,000 students); Regents, University of California (10 campuses and 200,000 students); and Board of Administration, California Public Employees’ Retirement System.

Willie Brown has a bachelor of arts degree from San Francisco State University, 1955, and a juris doctor degree from Hastings College of Law, University of California, 1958.
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