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BARRY PASSETT TO RECEIVE AHA'S HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

WASHINGTON (April 3, 2014) – The American Hospital Association (AHA) today announced that Barry Passett, health care advisor and former hospital CEO from Chevy Chase, Md. will be presented the AHA Honorary Life Membership Award for his contributions to hospitals and health care in America. The award recognizes individuals who have made important contributions to the health care field and who share the mission, values and goals of the AHA. Passett will receive the award at a ceremony at the AHA Annual Membership Meeting on May 5 in Washington, D.C.

Since his retirement in 1991 from active health care administration, Passett has shared his health care expertise through work designed to better the health of the Washington, D.C. community and to influence broader hospital field improvements through involvement in AHA activities.

“Barry’s expertise and passion helped to guide several critical issues at the AHA including work focused on expanding coverage, the essential role of safety net hospitals, better understanding the future needs of our health care workforce and the need to address disparities in health care,” said AHA President and CEO Rich Umbdenstock. “We are proud to honor Barry’s many contributions through this Honorary Life Membership Award.”

Most recently, Passett was instrumental in developing the 2007 strategy for what is now the AHA’s Equity of Care Committee. Based on his continued involvement in the hospital and

health care community and his strong commitment to the elimination of disparities, he recruited national leaders from the NAACP, Morehouse School of Medicine, the National Minority Quality Foundation, The Urban League, the National Medical Association, the National Alliance for Hispanic Health, major hospitals and health care systems and other national hospital and health care associations. He led the committee to develop tools and resources, was instrumental in the creation of a national minority trustee training program and registry and, through his support of the Equity of Care Committee, helped launch the National Call to Action to Eliminate Health Care Disparities.

During his tenure in the late 1990s chairing the Greater Southeast Hospital Foundation in Washington, D.C., Passett pioneered innovative approaches to providing care, with a focus on the overall health of the community – what we now call “population health.”

About the American Hospital Association

The AHA is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the improvement of health in their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which include nearly 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks and other providers of care. Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends. For more information visit the website at www.aha.org.

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