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Earl G. Dresser, LFACHE, Receives ACHE's Lifetime Service Award

CHICAGO, January 21, 2010—Earl G. Dresser, LFACHE, has been named the recipient of the American College of Healthcare Executives 2010 Lifetime Service Award. Dresser will receive the award on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at the Malcolm T. MacEachern Memorial Lecture and Luncheon during ACHE's 53rd Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago.

The Lifetime Service Award was established in 2000 to recognize a healthcare executive who has made substantial contributions to ACHE during his or her career. It is awarded to a Life Fellow or Retired Fellow who has made significant contributions to ACHE through elected office, has served on ACHE committees or task forces and has participated in ACHE activities, independent chapters or affiliated groups.

Dresser began his healthcare career in 1948, where he spent one year as an administrative resident at Abbott Hospital in Minneapolis. For the next 16 years he worked as either assistant administrator or administrator at four hospitals, including Decorah Hospital in Decorah, Iowa; Asbury Methodist Hospital in Minneapolis; McDonough District Hospital in Macomb, Ill.; and Methodist Hospital in Madison, Wis.

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In 1964 Dresser accepted the position of vice president at Associated Hospital Services in Milwaukee. Two years later he became executive vice president at Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park, Minn., and in 1977 he was promoted to president. He retired from Methodist Hospital in 1986.

Even in retirement, Dresser energetically gave his time and expertise to the healthcare field. He served as a consultant with Management Compensation Group; as a member of the trauma task force of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee to the Minnesota Department of Health; member, board of trustees for Queen of Peace Hospital in New Prague, Minn.; and member, board of trustees of Walker Methodist Inc. in Minneapolis.

Dresser became a Member of ACHE in 1949, immediately upon receiving his master's degree in hospital administration. Since then he has worked tirelessly to promote the life-long learning and professional networking opportunities that membership in ACHE affords. Throughout his career, he made sure the hospitals he led budgeted to support ACHE participation. In addition, he supported local ACHE programs and membership recruitment through active leadership in the Minnesota Hospital Association and the Alumni Association/Foundation Program in Healthcare Administration at the University of Minnesota.

Dresser has been a member of many healthcare organizations and served on their boards. Among them, he was member, Rochester Methodist Hospital board of directors in Rochester, Minn.; preceptor and faculty member, University of Minnesota Program in Hospital and Healthcare Administration; member, board of trustees, Wisconsin Hospital Association; member, board of trustees, and president, Minnesota Hospital Association; and member, board of trustees, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota.

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Dresser's involvement with ACHE is extensive. He was an ACHE Regent from 1974 to 1976, Governor from 1977 to 1980, and Chairman-Elect, Chairman and Immediate Past Chairman from 1981 to 1984. During his years as a Chairman Officer, he participated in the formulation of the first strategic plan developed by ACHE. He also was involved in the development of the organization's recertification program. And as Chairman, he had the opportunity to play a role in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of ACHE.

In addition, he served on the Regents Advisory Council from 1990 to 1992, Life and Retired Affiliates Committee from 2005 to 2007 and Counselors Committee from 2004 to present.

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The American College of Healthcare Executives is an international professional society of more than 30,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHE is known for its prestigious FACHE[®] credential, signifying board certification in healthcare management, and its educational programs including the annual Congress on Healthcare Leadership, which draws more than 4,000 participants each year. ACHE's established network of more than 80 chapters provides access to networking, education and career development at the local level. In addition, ACHE is known for its magazine, *Healthcare Executive*, and its journals, the *Journal of Healthcare Management* and *Frontiers of Health Services Management*, as well as groundbreaking research, career development and public policy programs. ACHE's publishing division, Health Administration Press, is one of the largest publishers of books and journals on all aspects of health services management including textbooks for use in college and university courses. Through such efforts, ACHE works toward its goal of being the premier professional society for healthcare executives dedicated to improving healthcare delivery.

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