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### **Jack O. Bovender Jr., FACHE, Receives ACHE's Gold Medal Award**



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**CHICAGO, January 12, 2007**—Jack O. Bovender Jr., FACHE, chairman and CEO of HCA, Nashville, Tenn., has been named the recipient of one of two American College of Healthcare Executives 2007 Gold Medal Awards. Bovender will receive the award on Monday, March 19, 2007, at the Arthur C. Bachmeyer Memorial Address and Luncheon during ACHE's 50th Congress on Healthcare Leadership in New Orleans.

The Gold Medal Award is ACHE's highest honor bestowed on outstanding leaders who, through a career of service, have made significant contributions to the healthcare field. The purpose of this award is to identify Fellows of the American College of Healthcare Executives who best exemplify leadership at the organizational, local, state/provincial and national levels. The Gold Medal Award recognizes individuals who go beyond the confines of their own organization to continually contribute to the improvement of healthcare services and community health.

Bovender has been chairman and CEO of HCA since 2001. Prior to that, he was president and COO of Columbia/HCA from 1997 to 2001, emerging from retirement to take on this role. From 1968 to 1994, he held positions of progressive responsibility at other organizations and within HCA at facilities in Largo, Fla.; Pensacola, Fla.; Atlanta; and Nashville, Tenn.

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An ACHE affiliate since 1969, Bovender served ACHE as a Governor from 2002 to 2004. He has been a member of several boards of directors, including the Board of Visitors of the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University, the Executive Committee of the Duke University Annual Fund, the Board of Visitors of Duke Divinity School and the President's Executive Council of the William Preston Few Association. He is a founding member of the Nashville Health Care Council and previously served on the boards of the Nashville Community Foundation, the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Tennessee Performing Arts Center and the Metropolitan Nashville Arts Commission. He also served on the board of directors of the American Hospital Association and the board of governors of the Federation of American Healthcare Systems.

Among his accomplishments, Bovender has been lauded for his leadership in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, when he authorized the use of 24 helicopters to evacuate Tulane University Hospital and Clinic, affiliated with HCA, as well as nearby Charity Hospital. His quick response helped save 254 patients and 1,400 staff and family members.

In 2006, *Institutional Investor* magazine named him one of 62 of the nation's best CEOs. In 2005, Partnership 2010, co-chaired by Bovender and organized to attract businesses to Nashville, was named the number one business retention and expansion program in the United States by Business Retention and Expansion International.

Board certified in healthcare management and an ACHE Fellow, Bovender received both his master's degree in healthcare administration and his bachelor's degree from Duke University.

The second 2007 Gold Medal Award recipient is Diane Peterson, FACHE, president of D. Peterson and Associates in Houston.

### **American College of Healthcare Executives**

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 credentialing and educational programs and its annual Congress on Healthcare Leadership, which draws more than 4,000 participants each year. ACHE also is known for its journals, the *Journal of Healthcare Management* and *Frontiers of Health Services Management*, and its magazine, *Healthcare Executive*, as well as ground-breaking research and 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 in addition to textbooks for use in college and university courses. Through such efforts, ACHE works toward its goal of being the premier professional society for healthcare leaders by providing exceptional value to its members.

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