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NEWS RELEASE

Hospital District President Receives Notable Honors

HOUSTON (Sept. 29, 2006) – Harris County Hospital District President and CEO David S. Lopez garnered praise recently for his demonstrated commitment through the years to improving the health of the community.

The Hispanic Health Coalition presented Lopez with the “Outstanding Hispanic Community Health Advocate Award” at the organization’s 10th annual “Celebrando Nuestra Salud” luncheon on Sept. 28.

Lopez was also a recipient of the Houston Dynamo’s “2006 Outstanding Hispanic Community Leader Award,” which recognizes and celebrates the achievements of Houston-area community leaders who demonstrate determination, passion and service. The award was presented on Hispanic Heritage Night during the Chivas USA game on Sept. 17.

Lopez joined HCHD in 2000 as executive vice president and chief operating officer. He served as the organization’s interim leader from 2004 until 2005, when he was appointed as president and CEO by the hospital district’s board. Currently, Lopez is the only ethnic minority serving as CEO of a major patient care institution within the Texas Medical Center. He possesses nearly 30 years of experience in health care administration.

According to Lopez, his proven career in health care is driven by a calling to care for others, particularly the impoverished and medically underserved. He attributes this to his father, a Pentecostal minister, who instilled in him a missionary purpose in life and taught him people can always use a helping hand during times of need. His work through the hospital district, he says, has been a continuation of that philosophy.

As president and CEO of the hospital district, Lopez manages one of the largest public health care systems in the nation. The Harris County Hospital District provides more than 1.1 million health care visits each year to uninsured and underinsured residents of Harris County. It operates Ben Taub General Hospital, Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital, Quentin Mease Community Hospital, and an extensive network of community-based health centers and clinics.

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A print-quality photo of David S. Lopez is available upon request