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Louisiana Hospital Association Launches Champions for Healthcare Website

(Baton Rouge, LA) – Today, the Louisiana Hospital Association (LHA) honored a group of state representatives and senators as Champions for Healthcare. The LHA applauds these lawmakers for the work they have done protecting access to quality care for their communities over the past four years.

“We thank these senators and representatives for making patients and hospitals a priority and listening to a majority of their Louisiana constituents who oppose unsustainable healthcare budget cuts,” said LHA President & CEO Paul Salles. “Through their hard work, these Champions for Healthcare helped to avert a $1.6 billion budget shortfall, and they prevented proposed funding reductions for hospital emergency rooms, medically-fragile infants, rural providers and other life-saving services. Louisiana hospitals commend these legislators for their strong leadership on healthcare issues in Louisiana.”

The LHA launched a website, www.ChampionsForHealthcare.org, that allows Louisiana residents to search for their local Champions for Healthcare by zip code. It also contains photos and contact information, including links to legislators’ Facebook and Twitter pages, if available, so residents can express their gratitude towards these individuals.

“As we continue to face significant challenges in healthcare, it is reassuring that we can count on these legislative leaders to help identify sustainable healthcare solutions,” said Salles.

About the Louisiana Hospital Association
Established in 1926, the Louisiana Hospital Association is a non-profit organization representing hospitals and healthcare provider groups across the state. The mission of the LHA is to support its members through advocacy, education and services. For more information, visit the LHA website at www.lhaonline.org, or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LAHospitals or Twitter @LAHospitals.

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