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## Louisiana Hospital Association Honors Barrow As Lifetime Member

Baton Rouge — The Louisiana Hospital Association (LHA) recently honored William F. “Bud” Barrow II, as a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Association in recognition of his substantial contributions to the hospital industry and his community.

Barrow served as the president and chief executive officer of Beauregard Health System in DeRidder from 2017 to 2020, Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center and Heart Hospital of Lafayette from 2006 to 2016, Opelousas General Health System from 2002 to 2006 and Desoto Regional Health System in Mansfield from 1996 to 2002.

“Bud’s visionary leadership changed the trajectory of healthcare delivery at Beauregard Health System,” said Traci Thibodeaux, chief executive officer of the system. “Leaving a legacy of service to others, he always referred to our work as a calling and challenged us to never compromise our values. We stand on the shoulders of giants, like Bud, who have paved the way for better healthcare in our communities for generations to come. Thank you, Bud, and congratulations.”

“To work alongside Bud Barrow is to experience the true heart of a servant leader,” said Donna F. Landry, Acadiana market president at Our Lady of Lourdes. “We flourished under his visionary thinking, love of all people and commitment to a faith-filled life. We join in celebration of such a well-deserved recognition of him.”

Barrow has been a member of the LHA for more than 25 years and has held several leadership positions, including serving as chair of the LHA Board of Trustees from 2003 to 2004, and as an ex-officio board member until 2020. He also served on the LHA Management Corporation Board from 2005 to 2020.

“We thank Bud for his passion, vision and dedication to advancing patient care in Louisiana, and we are grateful for his years of leadership and service to the Association,” said LHA President & CEO Paul A. Salles.

In addition to serving his state, he was active on the national level, serving on the American Hospital Association (AHA) Board of Trustees and as chair of the Regional Policy Board for Region 7, which includes Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana, from 2013 to 2015. He also served on numerous AHA committees and task forces from 2009 to 2015.

### 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](http://www.lhaonline.org).

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