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## LOUISIANA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION HONORS CATHEY AS LIFETIME MEMBER

Baton Rouge - The Louisiana Hospital Association (LHA) recently honored James E. "Jimmy" Cathey, Jr., CEO Emeritus of North Oaks Health System, as a Lifetime Member of the Association in recognition of his substantial contributions to the hospital industry in Louisiana and his community.

Cathey has been a member of the LHA for more than 30 years, holding several leadership positions, including serving as chair of the Association's Board of Trustees from 2017 to 2018. He also served as an at-large member of the LHA Board and as the Southeast District president and trustee.

"We applaud Jimmy for his passion, vision and dedication to advancing patient care in our state, and we are grateful for his years of insightful leadership on various committees that govern the association," said LHA President & CEO Paul A. Salles.

Cathey served as the CEO of North Oaks Health System from 1986 to 2016. In December 2016, he was named CEO Emeritus and retired in August 2018.

"We congratulate Jimmy for his more than three decades of service to the LHA. North Oaks and our community, and for being recognized as a Lifetime Member of the Association," said North Oaks Health System's President and Chief Executive Officer Michele Kidd Sutton, FACHE.

## 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, please visit the LHA website at www.lhaonline.org.

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