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Jaime A. Davidson, MD, FACE, FACP, Receives American Diabetes Association's Distinguished Service Award

— *Davidson Presented with Harold Rifkin Award for Distinguished International Service in the Cause of Diabetes* —

Washington, DC (June 12, 2006) – The American Diabetes Association (ADA), the nation's leading voluntary health organization in the fight against diabetes, announced today that Jaime A. Davidson, MD, FACE, FACP, received the Association's prestigious Harold Rifkin Award for Distinguished International Service in the Cause of Diabetes at the organization's 66th Scientific Sessions, which runs through June 13.

The Harold Rifkin Award for Distinguished International Service in the Cause of Diabetes is named for Dr. Rifkin, former president of the American Diabetes Association. It is awarded to an individual whose outstanding service in the cause of diabetes has been performed with an international perspective and with international impact.

"On behalf of the American Diabetes Association, we are delighted to present this prestigious award to Dr. Davidson," said Robert A. Rizza, MD, President, Medicine & Science, of the American Diabetes Association. "Dr. Davidson's entire career has been dedicated to outstanding service to the international diabetes community and he has made an international impact because of this dedication."

Born in San Jose, Costa Rica, Dr. Davidson is an endocrinologist in practice at Medical City Dallas Hospital and Clinical Associate Professor of Internal Medicine at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. After receiving his medical degree in Mexico City, Dr. Davidson returned to San Jose for his internship at Universidad de Costa Rica. He then traveled to the United States for the rest of his training, internship and internal residency at Scott & White Memorial Hospital (Texas A&M) and his endocrinology fellowship at Indiana University School of Medicine.

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Dr. Davidson is a council member of the Texas State Health Service Council. He also serves on the Editorial Board of Revista de Endocrinología y Nutrición Sociedad Mexicana de Nutrición y Endocrinología and is a member of the President's Council of Physical Fitness and Sports.

His honors include several service recognition awards from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration and the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists, including the Yank D. Coble, Jr., MD, Distinguished Service Award and the Outstanding Service Award for the Promotion of Endocrine Health of an Underserved Population.

More than 15,000 top scientists, physicians and other health care professionals from around the world shared cutting-edge research, treatment recommendations and advances toward a cure for diabetes at the Association's 66th Scientific Sessions in Washington, DC.

Diabetes is a serious disease that affects the body's ability to produce or respond properly to insulin, a hormone that allows blood sugar to enter the cells of the body and be used for energy. Nearly 21 million children and adults in the United States have diabetes. And, an additional 41 million have pre-diabetes. Diabetes is the fifth leading cause of death by disease in the United States and it has no cure.

The American Diabetes Association is the nation's premier voluntary health organization supporting diabetes research, information and advocacy. The Association's mission is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. Founded in 1940, the Association provides services to hundreds of communities across the country. For more information please call the American Diabetes Association at 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383) or visit www.diabetes.org. Information from both these sources is available in English and Spanish.

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