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### **Brown Named Statewide Trustee of the Year**

BIRMINGHAM – Russell G. Brown, chairman of the board of trustees for Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville, was recently honored by the Alabama Hospital Association as the 2010 Trustee of the Year. Mr. Brown was selected from nominations submitted by hospitals statewide due to his exemplary service to his hospital, its patients and the community.

“As I have worked alongside Mr. Brown on our Board, I have found him to be a man who not only believes in the mission and values of Huntsville Hospital, but one who has an unparalleled passion for health care and the patients and staff of our hospital,” said David Spillers, CEO of Huntsville Hospital. “Under his leadership as chairman of the board and other officer positions, the hospital has established a level of integrity and achieved remarkable growth that would not have been possible without Mr. Brown’s dedication and loyalty. He is most deserving of this recognition.”

Mr. Brown is a leader and entrepreneur, having founded DP Associates, an information technology company, almost 40 years ago. He has been honored with numerous business recognitions, including being named the State of Alabama Minority Business Person of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration and as the first “Business Fellow” by the University of Alabama at Huntsville, where he lectured in the School of Administrative Science. In addition, his company was selected as the Small Business of the Year by the local Chamber, and Mr. Brown received the Chamber’s SBA Administrator’s Award of Excellence for two years. He is past-chairman of the board for the Huntsville/Madison Chamber of Commerce and member of several school and college boards in the Huntsville area. Mr. Brown served on the Huntsville City Planning Commission for a number of years as well as the boards of Leadership Alabama and the U.S. Space and Rocket Center.

“While Mr. Brown certainly has been an exemplary business and civic leader in the Huntsville area, he was chosen as our trustee of the year for his outstanding services to Huntsville Hospital,” said J. Michael Horsley, president of the Alabama Hospital Association. “Under his leadership as a board

member and later as chairman of the board, the hospital has experienced significant growth, and hospital officials credit much of this to his leadership, noting his ability to humbly offer words of wisdom and gain consensus when needed. We are fortunate to have individuals like Mr. Brown giving of their time to ensure quality health care for our citizens.”

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The Alabama Hospital Association, based in Montgomery, is a statewide trade organization that represents more than 100 hospitals and numerous other health care providers by offering membership services designed to enhance the provision of health care in Alabama.