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Message From The CEO

All of us at HealthSHARE and the Texas Hospital Association are pleased to announce that Dan Wilford, former president and chief executive officer of Memorial Hermann Healthcare System in Houston, has been inducted into the Health Care Hall of Fame. Wilford and the other inductees – brothers William and Charles Mayo, founders of the Mayo Clinics, and Patricia Cahill of Catholic Health Initiatives – were honored at a ceremony March 22 at the Hilton Chicago in conjunction with the American College of Healthcare Executives' 2009 Congress on Healthcare Leadership.

Wilford served as president and CEO of Memorial Hermann from 1984 to 2002, during which time the system grew from three hospitals into one of the largest nonprofits in Texas. The system now includes eight owned hospitals and more than a dozen others in affiliation agreements. Wilford continues as an adviser to the system. He also currently serves on the advisory board of Therapy Track, a THA-endorsed company that offers online performance/productivity tools for ancillary services. At hospitals using Therapy Track's Total Productivity Track, 100 percent of employees work to meet individual goals, targets and expectations, reducing the cost of health care.

"We're proud a man of Dan's importance to health care in our country serves on our board," says Therapy Track CEO Richard Tinsley. "He believes in our Total Productivity Track program as a way for hospitals to reduce the cost to complete a unit of care and that all hospitals should consider adding our program to their efforts to lower the cost of health care." Congratulations to Dan Wilford for this well-deserved honor and to Therapy Track for the wisdom of naming him to its board!

James M. Dixon
President/Chief Executive Officer

