Albert B. Ferguson, MD, Receives Third Annual AOA-Zimmer Award for Distinguished Contributions to Orthopaedics

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Nominations for Fourth Annual AOA-Zimmer Award Being Accepted

ROSEMONT, Ill. and WARSAW, Ind., Aug 11, 2004 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- The American Orthopaedic Association (AOA) and Zimmer, Inc. awarded Albert B. Ferguson, MD, the Third Annual AOA-Zimmer Award for Distinguished Contributions to Orthopaedics at the 117th Annual AOA Meeting, June 23-26, 2004, in Boston, MA.

The award is presented annually to recognize outstanding leaders in orthopaedic surgery whose work results in sustained and substantial contributions and leadership through clinical, educational, research or other meritorious means. The $50,000 grant was awarded to Dr. Ferguson because of his role in enhancing and shaping the specialty.

"Receiving this award was a wonderful surprise -- I am honored that I was chosen to accept such a prestigious award," said Dr. Ferguson. "The title of my speech, "Motivate with Honor and Love - Not Fear," are words that I have built my success upon and are words that I encourage others to follow. Again, I thank the AOA and Zimmer for recognizing my dedication to the orthopaedic community."

Dr. Ferguson was chairman of the department of orthopaedic surgery and Silver Professor of Orthopaedics at the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, PA, from 1952 until his retirement in 1986. He also served as president of the AOA in 1976.

"At Zimmer, we recognize that great leadership often goes unnoticed and unrewarded; this prestigious award allows us to formally recognize leaders for their accomplishments," said Ray Elliott, Zimmer Chairman, President and CEO. "Zimmer is proud to be a sponsor and commends Dr. Ferguson on his remarkable contributions to orthopaedics over the years. Dr. Ferguson's great leadership style and

unique approach to teaching make him a remarkable man, deserving of this award. We congratulate him again on his dedication to the orthopaedic community."

The AOA is currently seeking nominations for the 2005 AOA-Zimmer Award for Distinguished Contributions to Orthopaedics. Nominations for the $50,000 award must be received at AOA headquarters by December 15, 2004. Nomination material can be found online at http://www.aoassn.org or by calling AOA Headquarters at 847.318.7330.

About the AOA

The American Orthopaedic Association (AOA), founded in 1887, is the oldest national orthopaedic association in the world. The AOA's mission is to identify, develop, engage and recognize leadership to further the art and science of orthopaedics. For more information, visit http://www.aoassn.org or call 847.318.7350.

About Zimmer

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