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CHICAGO WHITE SOX, BULLS TEAM DOCTOR BERNARD R. BACH JR., M.D. TO BE INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT OF SPORTS MEDICINE SOCIETY

CHICAGO – June 20, 2007 -- Bernard R. Bach Jr., M.D., a team physician for the Chicago White Sox and the Chicago Bulls, will be installed as the 36th president of the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM) on Saturday, July 14, 2007, during the Society's Annual Meeting in Calgary, Alberta, Canada (July 12-15).

A native of Michigan, Dr. Bach specializes in orthopaedic sports medicine at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, Ill., and is currently the Claude Lambert-Susan Thomsen Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Rush University Medical Center and Rush Medical College, a post he has held since 1996. Dr. Bach is perhaps best known for his expertise in disorders of the shoulder and knee, particularly the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL).

Dr. Bach completed his undergraduate work at Harvard College in 1975 where he was an intercollegiate athlete in football and baseball. He received his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in 1979, returning to Harvard to complete his orthopaedic residency at the Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital. Dr. Bach then completed a sports medicine fellowship at the renowned Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City.

Dr. Bach came to Rush University Medical Center in 1986 as the Director of Sports Medicine. He established the Rush Orthopaedic Sports Medicine fellowship program in 1988 and serves as its Fellowship Director. In practice with his partners at Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush, Dr. Bach has trained over 80 residents and 42 sports medicine fellows, as well as many visiting orthopaedic surgeons. Throughout his career Dr. Bach has been a dedicated educator, serving as faculty to several national and international orthopaedic associations.

Dr. Bach has been a team physician or consultant for many athletic teams and organizations. In addition to treating the Chicago White Sox and the Chicago Bulls, he serves as the medical advisor to the Bert Pell-Pete Rozelle NFL Retirement and Disability Plan and since 1999 has served as consultant to the NHL. Dr. Bach has also served on the board of directors of the Illinois Special Olympics. He was inducted into the Illinois Athletic Trainers Hall of Fame in 1995.

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