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**THE FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS PRESENTS  
DR. JOHN ARMSTRONG WITH THE RAYMOND H. ALEXANDER AWARD**

**TALLAHASSEE-** The Florida Chapter of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) has presented the 2013 Raymond H. Alexander Award to Dr. John H. Armstrong, State Surgeon General and Secretary of the Florida Department of Health. The award recognizes outstanding dedication and service to the medical profession in the field of surgery.

“While at the University of South Florida, Dr. Armstrong developed the most advanced surgical simulation lab in the country. He is the architect of our nation’s training of surgeons with the Disaster Management and Emergency Preparedness course, and has served surgical patients through leadership positions within the American College of Surgeons,” said John Rioux, MD, FACS, Florida Chapter President-elect.

The annual award is named after Dr. Raymond Alexander (1938-1992), who was a Regional Chief of the ACS Committee on Trauma. His leadership led to Florida being one of the few states with a trauma system established by state law. During his career, Dr. Alexander influenced many surgeons, physicians, residents and patients.

For the first time since the award’s inception in 1992, the Raymond H. Alexander Award was given to two recipients. Dr. Lawrence Lottenburg, MD, FACS also received the award and serves as Associate Professor of Surgery and Anesthesiology at the University of Florida College of Medicine.

“This honor is quite fitting for these two surgeons, as they are champions for trauma patients and their families in the State of Florida,” said Patricia Stadler, Trauma Program Director for the Florida Department of Health. “Drs. Armstrong and Lottenburg worked together in Gainesville and continue to advance high standards of trauma care through education and training.”

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