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Augustine Honored with “Friend of Science” Award

Washington, DC – The Southeastern Universities Research Association today announced that Norman R. Augustine would receive the SURA Distinguished Friend of Science Award for 2009 at its Board meeting on October 20. The award is to honor an individual whose extraordinary efforts “fulfill the SURA mission of strengthening the scientific and technical capabilities of the Southeast and nation.”

“Norm Augustine has been a long-time advocate for American leadership in research and innovation,” said Charles W. Steger, President of Virginia Tech and Chair of the SURA Council of Presidents and Executive Committee. “As the chair of the group that produced the tide-turning *Rising Above the Gathering Storm* report, his impact on the policy debate for research funding helped move this agenda. SURA and the research community are indebted to Mr. Augustine for his forceful advocacy.”

Norman R. Augustine is the retired chairman and CEO of Lockheed Martin, having stepped down in 1997. He’s a former undersecretary of Army, chairman of the American Red Cross, President of the Boy Scouts of America, and holder of 23 honorary degrees. Augustine serves as a Regent of the University System of Maryland, Trustee Emeritus of Johns Hopkins and is a former member of the Board of Trustees of Princeton and MIT. Most notable for SURA’s interests, he is a national proponent for innovation and technology leadership, and chaired the National Academies panel that released the report, *Rising Above the Gathering Storm*, a study requested by Congress. That October 2005 report’s legacy has been bipartisan commitment to achieve a doubling of federal physical sciences research funding.

The SURA Distinguished Friend of Science Award was established in 2006 to commemorate the organization’s 25th Anniversary. SURA’s Executive Committee manages the solicitation, screening and selection of the recipient for this award. Past honorees included U.S. Senators Lamar Alexander (Tennessee) and John Warner (Virginia). Each of SURA’s 62 member institutions was eligible to nominate candidates for the award.

“Anyone familiar with the challenges we face maintaining our nation’s research leadership role should appreciate the tremendous contributions of Norm Augustine,” said Jerry P. Draayer, SURA President & CEO. “Before the *Gathering Storm*’s release, and since, he’s been a strong proponent of its findings and an activist in support of enhanced funding for research.”

Augustine will be presented the award and a \$20,000 honorarium at a reception held in conjunction with the SURA Board of Trustees Fall Meeting in Washington, DC.

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The Southeastern Universities Research Association (SURA) is a consortium of over 60 leading research institutions in the southern United States and the District of Columbia established in 1980 as a non-stock, nonprofit corporation. SURA serves as an entity through which colleges, universities, and other organizations may cooperate with one another, and with government and industry in acquiring, developing, and using laboratories and other research facilities and in furthering knowledge and the application of that knowledge in the physical, biological, and other natural sciences and engineering. For more information, visit www.sura.org.