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### Anniversary Photo Thanks

Dear Editor,

Please accept the thanks of all surgeons for recognizing the Surgical Section of the NMA by placing its 100th anniversary photo on the cover of the *Journal of the National Medical Association*.

The photo taken at the 2006 Dallas, TX meeting of the NMA represented the history and the future of the section. The picture included Dr. John Cordice, one of the oldest living members at 90 years of age, and one of the youngest, Dr. Kibwe Weaver, a third-year surgical resident.

Below is what appeared in the *American College of Surgeons Clinical News* and *ACS Bulletin*:

*The National Medical Association was founded in 1895 by African-American physicians because they were excluded from mainstream medical societies. During its 1906 meeting the Surgical Section of the National Medical Association (SS-NMA) was formed. For 100 years the SS-NMA has served as a source of hope, pride, intellectual stimulation, mentorship, and camaraderie for African-American surgeons.*

*At the Dallas, Texas 2006 meeting of the NMA, the Surgical Section celebrated its 100th anniversary with the theme "100 Years of Struggle and Success". Highlights of the meeting included the following lectures:*

- *"Where Does the Surgical Section Go From Here?" by Eddie Hoover, MD, FACS.*

*Former ACS president LaSalle Leffall, Jr., MD, FACS moderated the "Black Surgical History Panel" that featured the career highlights of some of the oldest living Surgical Section members, and Charles Bruncardi, MD, FACS, chairman of the Department of Surgery at Baylor University, delivered the historic Stubbs lecture, which he entitled "Leadership Principles of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." Scientific sessions focused on surgical oncology, minimally invasive surgery, cardiothoracic surgery, and trauma-critical care among others.*

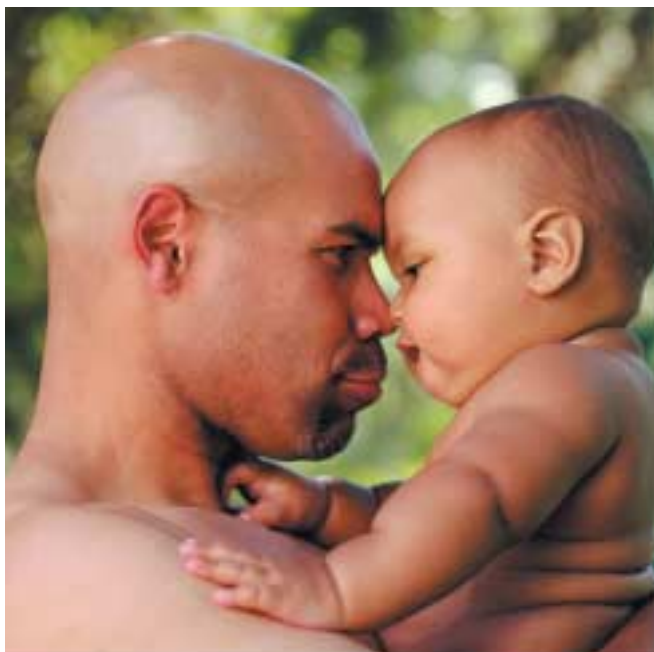
*Recognition was paid to past members of the Section including Dr.'s Claude Organ, Charles Drew, and*

*Matthew Walker. Also during the anniversary dinner, Louis J. Bernard, MD, FACS was honored with the Section's "Hall of Fame Award".*

*The Surgical Section of the National Medical Association continues to serve a unique and valuable role in American Surgery and looks forward to another 100 years.*

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- *"A Perspective on the History of African American Surgery and National Medical Association Surgeons" by Fred Cason, MD, FACS*
- *"Black Women in Surgery" by Roslyn Sterling-Scott MD, FACS*



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