Each year, the accomplishments of one board set a new standard for chiropractic regulation.

They model for others the excellence that marks the daily responsibilities of protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public. They say it can be done – and then they do it.

The FCLB recognition for outstanding regulatory board is named in honor of Ohio regulator, Dr. Earl L. Wiley. His dedication to public protection stands as a shining example to all of us. His commitment to what is fair and what is true serves as a compass point to every regulator.

Dr. Wiley, like the previous winners of this award, stood on a firm foundation of ethics, while looking forward with a sense of possibility. His desire to protect patients through responsible governance is reflected by many of you, our FCLB member boards, but especially by this year’s winner.

What happens when the world is turned over and, before we find our feet, disaster strikes again?

In the past decade, many of our boards have faced adversity inside the world of chiropractic regulation.

Fortunately, we’re good at what we do. We can stop predatory practitioners. We can redirect misguided ones. We can draft and support regulations that protect patients and give our licensees the flexibility they need to be great practitioners.

We all want to believe that we have the kind of character that will face challenges with courage. At the same time, we hope that we are never put to this test.

One of our boards was challenged. Repeatedly.
From emergency relief to disaster recovery, these people have faced adversity beyond their scope and perhaps beyond what they believed they could handle.

With creativity, grace, and compassion, they met challenges no one could have predicted. They coped, they adjusted, and then they shone.

Their unconquerable spirit is anchored in empathy and courage. Without hesitation, they stand strong for the welfare of their patients and for each other.

The lessons of this board are lessons of resilience. They are willing to change when they need to, for the good of the public.

They are lessons of unity and camaraderie. Their executive director opened her home to her board members when calamity left them homeless.

They are lessons of humility and perspective. They never lost sight of patient protection - keeping the spirit of their mission alive instead of discarding it in the tangle of legislative language.

• For their strength in repeated disasters, both natural and man-made...

• for their resilience and creative problem-solving...

• and for their willingness to volunteer generously their ideas and talent with the Federation family...

**The FCLB’s 2011 Dr. Earl L. Wiley Outstanding Regulatory Board Award**

is presented to

**THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS**

Members of the Louisiana delegation accepting the award:

Dr. Wynn Harvey,
Dr. Ned Martello,
and Ms. Patricia Oliver