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## Media Release

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LSMS PRESENTS PHYSICIAN COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS:  
GAZI B. ZIBARI, MD, OF SHREVEPORT, HONORED

BATON ROUGE, Louisiana—The Louisiana State Medical Society (LSMS) honored **Gazi B. Zibari, MD, of Shreveport**, at its annual meeting January 30, 2015, with the 2014 LSMS Physician Award for Community Service.

The award was established to provide recognition to a member who is actively involved in community and civic activities above and beyond their responsibilities in the practice of medicine. Some of Dr. Zibari's outstanding community service efforts include medical mission work in two areas of the world that have experienced complex challenges regarding medical education and health care, specifically Kurdistan, Iraq; Hanoi, North Vietnam; and in Central America. His personal commitment to medical missions is a testament to his desire to provide, with great personal risk, humanitarian efforts and medical education to communities in desperate need of medical training and health care.

In October 2010, Dr. Zibari organized and participated in the inaugural International Vietnamese–American Surgical Symposium in Hanoi. He also created a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, World Surgical Foundation of Louisiana, to help sustain medical outreach missions. Currently, he serves as the director of the John C. McDonald Regional Transplant Center and the director of the Advanced Surgery Center with Willis-Knighton Health System.

“The LSMS is proud to bestow this honor on Dr. Zibari,” said LSMS President Dr. Dolleen Licciardi. “We appreciate his time and personal investment in the community, as well as the positive reflection his service brings to the medical profession.”

*About Louisiana State Medical Society*

Established in 1878, the Louisiana State Medical Society (LSMS) serves as the premier advocate for patients and physicians. The LSMS is the largest voluntary physician organization in the state and represents all specialties.

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Photo caption: Dr. Gazi Zibari (left) receives his LSMS Community Service Award plaque from LSMS Immediate Past President Dr. Roberto Quintal (right).