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Three Industry Leaders Receive USPOULTRY Lamplighter Award

ATLANTA, Ga. – Feb. 11, 2019 – U.S. Poultry & Egg Association (USPOULTRY) presented the organization’s annual Lamplighter Award to three individuals at the International Poultry Expo, part of the 2019 International Production & Processing Expo. The award pays tribute to individuals for “sustained and exemplary service” to the poultry and egg industry. This year’s honorees are:

Dr. Bernie Beckman – Beckman is director of technical services for Hy-Line North America. He received his D.V.M. at Purdue University in 1992 and began his career at Hy-Line North America in the summer of 1992 as a technical service veterinarian.

Beckman has participated on several committees and organizations over the years, including serving on the board of directors and subcommittee on health and disease response for the Iowa Poultry Association, board of directors and animal welfare subcommittee for the American Association of Avian Pathologists, board of directors for the International Poultry Welfare Alliance, and serving on an advisory group for a local county 4-H and Ag program. Beckman has also served on the USPOULTRY Foundation Research Advisory Committee for four years.

Charlene Powell – Powell is vice president of human resources for Crider Foods. Prior to joining Crider Foods, she served as vice president of human resources for Schwan’s Home Services, director of human resources for Tyson Foods, and she worked with Hudson Foods where she was part of the management team that built a vertically integrated poultry facility in Robards, Kentucky.

Powell is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Kentucky Poultry Federation “Friend of Poultry, Honorary Commissioner of Agriculture, Labor-Management Manager of the Year.” She is also a Kentucky Colonel.

Dr. John Glisson – Glisson is vice president of research programs for USPOULTRY, responsible for every aspect of USPOULTRY’s research programs that encompasses all components of poultry and egg production and processing.

Glisson received his B.S. in Biology from Valdosta State and his D.V.M., Master of Avian Medicine and Ph.D. in Medical Microbiology from the University of Georgia. Prior to joining USPOULTRY, he served as head of the Department of Population Health at the University of Georgia, was head of the Department of Avian Medicine, and was associate dean of Public Service and Outreach at the University of Georgia’s College of Veterinary Medicine. Glisson is a past president of the American Association of Avian Pathologists and has received numerous honors for his work.
“We value the commitment and support of this year’s Lamplighter Award recipients. They have enthusiastically dedicated themselves to contributing to the poultry industry, and we sincerely appreciate their service to the industry,” said Tom Hensley, Fieldale Farms, and outgoing USPOULTRY chairman.

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U.S. Poultry & Egg Association (USPOULTRY) is the all-feather organization representing the complete spectrum of today’s poultry industry, whose mission is to progressively serve member companies through research, education, communication and technical assistance. Founded in 1947, USPOULTRY is based in Tucker, Ga.

Photo Captions:

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