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Former U.S. Surgeon General to Give 2016 Edward R. Roybal Memorial Lecture

WHAT: Richard Carmona, who served as the 17th Surgeon General of the United States from 2002-2006, will deliver the 2016 Edward R. Roybal Memorial Lecture. Sponsored by the USC Edward R. Roybal Institute on Aging at the USC School of Social Work with honorary co-host Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, the event honors the late congressman who was a champion for civil rights, equal opportunity and the establishment of aging services. Awards will also be presented at the event to distinguished honorees Steven P. Wallace of the University of California, Los Angeles (Pearmain Prize for Excellence in Research on Aging) and Jennifer L. Spalding of AltaMed Health Services (USC Roybal Institute Community Partnership Award).

WHO: Carmona is currently a distinguished professor at the University of Arizona, the president of Canyon Ranch Institute and vice chairman of Canyon Ranch.

During his tenure as U.S. surgeon general, Carmona issued many surgeon general communications, including a landmark report about the health risks of second-hand smoke and focused his efforts on prevention, preparedness, health disparities, health literacy and global health. He was also a vice admiral in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.

Trained in general, vascular and trauma surgery, Carmona is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and also has a Master of Public Health. Along with his experience as a physician, he worked as a paramedic and registered nurse. He began his career in medicine as a U.S. Army Special Forces medic and is a combat-decorated Vietnam veteran.

WHEN: Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016
4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Town and Gown
USC/University Park Campus

ABOUT: The USC Edward R. Roybal Institute on Aging hosts its biennial event to commemorate the legacy of the late Rep. Edward R. Roybal. The mission of the institute is to advance research whose goal is to enhance optimal aging for persons in minority and low-income communities. It maintains a strong interdisciplinary focus, with collaborations among faculty and professionals in such fields as social work, gerontology, psychology, preventive medicine, family medicine, psychiatry, oncology, American studies and ethnicity, and public policy.