



## **CeloNova Executive Chairman and Acting CEO Dennert Ware Inducted into Prestigious Texas Business Hall of Fame**

**San Antonio, TX – November 2, 2016** – CeloNova BioSciences, Inc. (CeloNova) announced today that the Company's Executive Chairman and acting CEO, Dennert Ware, was inducted into the Texas Business Hall of Fame at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Induction Dinner held in San Antonio on Thursday, October 27.

Each year, the Texas Business Hall of Fame selects individuals to add into its hall of fame based on contributions to their field and the communities in which they actively serve. Since its inception, the Texas Business Hall of Fame has inducted more than 175 notable business legends from around the state. Ware joins six other Texas business leaders, including billionaire investor Warren Buffett and CEO of Southwest Airlines Gary Kelly, in the Hall of Fame's Class of 2016. He is the only executive representing the healthcare sector among this year's honorees.

"It's a true privilege to be inducted into the Texas Business Hall of Fame and stand among some of the most distinguished business leaders of our generation," said Ware. "I'm proud to represent the burgeoning Texas healthcare community in receiving this prestigious honor."

Born in Kalamazoo, Michigan and having spent much of his life in Indiana, Ware was recruited to San Antonio in 2000 and has made his home here. With more than 40 years experience in the healthcare sector, Ware currently serves as Executive Chairman and acting CEO of San Antonio based CeloNova Biosciences, an innovative global medical device company that aims to transform the treatment of cardiovascular disease. He also serves as Executive Chairman of the Board of Seno Medical Instruments, Inc. and as a Board Member for Fast Bio Medical in Indianapolis.

Throughout his distinguished career, he has previously served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of several large-to-mid cap healthcare companies including Kinetic Concepts Inc., Boehringer Mannheim Corporation and Roche Diagnostics Corporation. In 2005, he was named the Medical Device Chief Executive Officer of the Year by leading industry analyst firm Frost and Sullivan in recognition for his leadership, vision and impact on Kinetic Concept's growth and performance as one of the medical technology industry's fastest growing companies.

Ware is a firm believer in giving back to the community and is involved in many civic organizations, including serving as the Boys Scouts of America, San Antonio Symphony, Indianapolis Symphony, San Antonio Academy, the Episcopal School of Texas, Bexar County Performing Arts Center, and the Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering at Purdue University. He served as Chairman of the Symphony Society of San Antonio for five years and as Vice

Chairman of the Bexar County Performing Arts Center Foundation. His current philanthropic board commitments include the Texas Military Institute, Christel House, and the Tobin Center for Performing Arts.

Ware holds a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from Purdue University and an MBA from Indiana University.

**About CeloNova BioSciences**

CeloNova BioSciences, Inc., is a global medical device company that develops, manufactures and markets a family of products based upon its novel Polyzene-F nanocoating technology. The next-generation nanocoating is the result of years of rigorous scientific research and German-engineering, and has been extensively published in numerous academic articles to date. For additional information about CeloNova BioSciences, please visit the company website at <http://celonova.com/>.

**About the Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation**

The Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation is a non-profit organization comprised of Texas business leaders. The organization's mission, through the work of its directors, is to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of Texas business legends, to perpetuate and inspire the values of entrepreneurship, personal integrity and community leadership in all present and future generations of Texans. This mission is accomplished by inducting honorees at an annual dinner, and through awarding scholarships to outstanding students who are deemed "Future Texas Business Legends." In 2016, 35 scholarships of \$15,000 each will be awarded to students across 26 different Texas institutions of higher learning.