

Dr. John Ford Honored

Dr. John R. Ford, a San Diego surgeon and first black president of the state Board of Education, will be honored today for his service to the minority community of San Diego, the medical profession and education.

Ford will receive the first in a series of awards to be presented periodically by the Southern California First National Bank to Southern California citizens.

"We are honoring Dr. Ford, not only for his recent election as president of the state Board of Education, but also for his many other contributions to the health and welfare of San Diego and the state," said Richard T. Silberman, bank president.

Ford first was appointed



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...wins first award

to the state board in 1968 by then Gov. Ronald Reagan. He was elected president by board members last January.

He began his medical practice in San Diego in 1954. In 1959, he founded the Ford Medical Clinic in Southeast San Diego. He is an assistant professor of surgery at UCSD and is affiliated with a number of other area hospitals.

Representatives from the city and county governments also will present proclamations honoring Ford at a noon luncheon at the bank office at Fifth and B streets downtown.

Mayor Pete Wilson has issued a proclamation declaring today Dr. John R. Ford Day in San Diego.