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### **DR. GARY MENNIE RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING ADVOCACY EFFORTS FOR TEXAS PATIENTS**

*ARLINGTON, TEXAS* — Gary Mennie, M.D., of Port Arthur was awarded the 2009 TAFPPAC advocacy award from the Texas Academy of Family Physicians Political Action Committee at the organization's 60th Annual Session and Scientific Assembly in Arlington on July 25.

On behalf of TAFPPAC, the political arm of TAFP, the TAFPPAC award recognizes an outstanding member who shows great dedication to the advancement of the political voice of family medicine.

Dr. Mennie is a champion for physician involvement in the political process. After attending the TAFP Legislative and Leadership Conference last year, he recruited family physicians in his community to become more engaged in TAFP's advocacy efforts and participate in TAFP's Political Action Committee. He currently serves as chair of the TAFP Commission on Legislative and Public Affairs.

He was awarded his medical degree by the Ross University School of Medicine and completed a family medicine residency at the University of Texas Medical Branch and St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Dr. Mennie served as an assistant clinical professor at the University of Texas Medical Branch Department of Family Medicine and Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology from 1998 to 2000. He received the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Resident Teaching Award in 1998.

*The Texas Academy of Family Physicians is the premier membership organization dedicated to uniting the family doctors of Texas through advocacy, education and member services, and empowering them to provide a medical home for patients of all ages. It has 33 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Visit [www.tafp.org](http://www.tafp.org) for more information.*