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DOUGLAS CURRAN, M.D., AWARDED TAFP PRESIDENTIAL AWARD OF MERIT

ARLINGTON — Douglas W. Curran, M.D., of Athens, Texas was awarded the Presidential Award of Merit from the Texas Academy of Family Physicians. He received the award from TAFP President Robert Youens, M.D., at the organization's 60th Annual Session and Scientific Assembly in Arlington on July 25.

Dr. Curran has practiced in Athens for more than 25 years and currently serves as a staff physician with East Texas Medical Center and Lakeland Medical Associates, Group Practice. He served as Chief of Staff at the East Texas Medical Center in 1986 and 1998. Those in his community and around the state recognize Dr. Curran for his dedication to family medicine and his patients.

Former TAFP President Robert Youens, M.D., credits Dr. Curran for encouraging countless leaders to get involved in TAFP and for serving as a valuable advocate for the specialty of family medicine.

“Dr. Curran is one of those individuals who I looked to when I became active in the Academy, who was a positive role model for those of us who had an interest in leadership,” Youens said at the awards ceremony. “Additionally, it was apparent that he was what he was—a country doctor in a small town, Athens, Texas, doing full-spectrum family medicine. There was no one better suited to represent us around the state.”

Dr. Curran served as TAFP president in 2006-2007 and has participated in many other committees and commissions within TAFP and the American Academy of Family Physicians. He is also actively involved in the Texas Medical Association. He received the 1999 Texas Family Physician of the Year award and has been recognized by Texas Monthly magazine as one of the state's Super Docs.

For his bachelor's and master's degrees, Dr. Curran attended the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. He graduated from the College of Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock. Dr. Curran then completed a family medicine residency at John Peter Smith Hospital, Southwestern Medical School in Fort Worth.

Dr. Curran is married to Sandra Curran, R.N., and has two children, Cortney and Chris.

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 for more information.