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I. L. BALKCOM, M.D., SWORN IN AS TAFP TREASURER

ARLINGTON, TEXAS — I. L. Balkcom, IV, M.D., of Sulphur Springs, Texas was sworn in as treasurer of the Texas Academy of Family Physicians during its 60th Annual Session and Scientific Assembly in Arlington. Dr. Balkcom assumed his duties July 25 at the annual Installation of Officers and Awards Lunch.

Dr. Balkcom is a physician with the Medical-Surgical Clinic in Sulphur Springs. He was awarded an A.S. degree in Biology by Andrew College in Cuthbert, Ga., and was awarded a medical degree by La Autonoma De Guadalajara, Mexico, and Ross University, Portsmouth, West Indies. He completed an internship with Medical Center Family Practice in Columbus, Ga., in 1987 where he was chief resident during his third year.

Dr. Balkcom has practiced family medicine since 1987, which was also the year he joined TAFP. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the TAFP Political Action Committee and the TAFP Foundation, is chair of the Section on Rural Physicians, and is a member of the Commission on Core Delegation and the Commission on Legislative Affairs. Dr. Balkcom also represents the Red River Chapter on the TAFP Board of Directors.

In addition to TAFP, Dr. Balkcom is a member of the American Medical Association; the American Academy of Family Physicians; and the Randolph, Stewart, Terrell Medical Society.

During his year as TAFP treasurer, Dr. Balkcom will serve as chair of the Finance Committee and will review income and expenditures of the Academy. Dr. Balkcom will be assisted in his year as treasurer by other TAFP officers: President Kaparaboyana Ashok Kumar, M.D., F.R.C.S., of San Antonio; President-elect Melissa Gerdes, M.D., of Whitehouse; Vice President Troy Fiesinger, M.D., of Sugar Land; and Parliamentarian Clare Hawkins, M.D., of Baytown.

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.