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DR. JAMES MOBLEY RECEIVES PUBLIC HEALTH AWARD

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS — James A. Mobley, M.D., a private practice physician in Portland, Texas, was named the 2010 recipient of the Texas Academy of Family Physicians Public Health Award during the organization's 61st Annual Session and Scientific Assembly in San Antonio on July 24. The award recognizes individuals who are making extraordinary contributions to the public health of Texans.

Dr. Mobley has been in private practice since 1981, and has been the medical director of the San Patricio County Health Department since 1990. As medical director of the health department he has responsibility for all aspects of public health for the county through three public health clinics that handle a variety of issues: animal control, food inspection, sanitation, tuberculosis control, the indigent health program for uninsured residents, immunizations, emergency preparedness, and more.

Dr. Mobley has been on the forefront of hurricane preparedness and response for his region and county, arranging for evacuation of the most vulnerable disabled, hospitalized, and nursing home residents when hurricanes have threatened.

In 2006, he was appointed to the Regional Health Awareness Board, a multi-county board that investigates public health issues for the Coastal Bend. Under his leadership, has facilitated investigations into cancer rates in San Patricio County, birth defects in Nueces County, and possible benzene contamination in certain areas of Corpus Christi.

Dr. Mobley was appointed to the BoldFuture Coastal Bend task force in 2009 and currently chairs the Safe Healthy Communities Action Team, which is composed of leaders in law enforcement, fire safety, medicine, and public health who are charged with developing strategic plans and implementation strategies for health and safety issues over the next five to 10 years.

Dr. Mobley works to develop the medical work force by leading Medical Explorer Post 132, a branch of Boy Scouts of America that provides medical career information and experiences for local high school students. He has worked with the Medical Explorers since 1983 and was awarded the BSA Silver Beaver Award for his service.

In addition to his membership in TAFP, he is a member of the San Patricio-Aransas-Refugio Medical Society. At each meeting, he presents a public health update to inform local physicians of the public health issues in the community.

Dr. Mobley earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology from Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas; was awarded his medical degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio; and completed an internship and family medicine residency at the Silas B. Hayes Army Hospital in Ft. Ord, Calif. Dr. Mobley was recently accepted into the Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Rural Public Health and will pursue a Master's in Public Health beginning in fall 2010 while continuing his duties in San Patricio County.

Dr. Mobley joined the U.S. Army in 1969. He served in active duty from 1972-1981, 1990-1991, and 2003, and in reserve from 1969-1972 and 1981-2006. He obtained the rank of Brigadier General and is now retired from the military.

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.