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Georgia Medical Society Recognized by Physicians

ATLANTA – The Georgia Medical Society was awarded the 2007 John B. Rabun Award at the Medical Association of Georgia's 153rd House of Delegates on Oct. 13, 2007 in Savannah. The House of Delegates is the annual meeting of the policy-making body of the association. President David S. Oliver, M.D. accepted the award on behalf of the society.

Each year the award is presented to a county medical society for community activity that brings attention to efforts in the medical community.

The purpose of the Georgia Medical Society is "to enhance patient care and the health of the public by advancing the art and science of medicine and by representing physicians and patients in policy-making processes." Their purpose is evident in the many contributions made to the local community, its patients and physicians.

During the past year, the Georgia Medical Society has sponsored several successful events in the community. In October 2006, the Society sponsored its Sixth Annual Health Care Program honoring persons in the community for their contributions to health care. Allied health industries, universities, and other community groups were solicited for their nominations in six categories. In total, 15 awards were presented.

The Georgia Medical Society also sponsored the High School Preceptorship for local high school seniors on April 25-27. Seven seniors selected by their school principals were offered the opportunity to spend time with physicians in the practice of medicine. More than 40 members of the Society participated in this program.

In July, the Society hosted a Public Health Department committee meeting for Pandemic Flu Epidemic plans.

In addition to its involvement in numerous community health-awareness programs, the Society sponsors frequent social events and dinners for its members.

Three years ago, the Georgia Medical Society celebrated its 200th anniversary. The Society's history

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is significant because it adopted the state's first Code of Medical Ethics, achieved a program of systematic vaccination against smallpox, carried out health surveys of Savannah and surrounding counties, founded a Medical Library, formed the first systematic anti-malarial effort begun in the United States and conducted extensive studies of Savannah's major epidemic diseases - malaria, yellow fever and smallpox.

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