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Macon Doctor Awarded for Medical Mission Work

ATLANTA – Macon physician, Ralph C. Griffin, M.D., was awarded the 2007 Jack A. Raines Humanitarian 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.

Dr. Griffin was presented with the award for “an outstanding humanitarian contribution to his fellow man and community beyond the normal practice of medicine.”

Dr. Griffin completed medical school at the University of Mississippi, following his undergraduate education at Millsap's College. He later completed his Pediatric internship with the Greenville Hospital System in South Carolina. Dr. Griffin finished his residency in emergency medicine at University Hospital at the University of Florida.

Dr. Griffin is currently a Clinical Professor at Mercer University School of Medicine. In addition, he has served as the Director for the past 17 years of a Level One trauma center at The Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon. In this position, he supervises 18 Board-certified emergency medicine physicians and is responsible for the care of more than 68,000 patients annually.

Over the past decade, Dr. Griffin has worked tirelessly to improve the health care and social conditions of the underserved in Russia. Working with two different charitable organizations, The Evangelistic Association for Russia (TEAR) and I Am for the Urals, he has made five trips to Russia, often accompanied by his wife, Carol. During each of the 10-day mission trips, Dr. Griffin has educated Russian physicians on the latest technological advances in health care and delivered much-needed medicines and medical supplies. In addition, Dr. Griffin has led the effort to secure the donation of more than \$50,000 in medical supplies before each trip. As a result of his dedication and commitment, Dr. Griffin recently became TEAR's Chairman of the Board.

Dr. Griffin also participates in many professional societies and medical organizations, including the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), the Georgia College of Emergency Physicians (GCEP), Bibb County Medical Society, Wilderness Medical Society and The Medical Association of Georgia. He has served on the GCEP Board of Directors since 1991 and holds legislative positions with ACEP and GCEP. Dr. Griffin presently is the Fire and Rescue Medical Director for Bibb, Jones and Twiggs Counties, in addition to the Macon Police Department.

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