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Glynn County Medical Society Recognized by Physicians

ATLANTA -- The Glynn County Medical Society was awarded the 2005 John B. Rabun Award at the Medical Association of Georgia's 151st Annual House of Delegates in October.

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 Glynn County 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, Glynn County Medical Society was a prominent voice in the tort reform campaign. The Society organized the "Bike Ride for Earl", a bike ride to heighten awareness about the need for tort reform in the community. Earl, the patient of a local doctor spoke out during the event. He emphasized that if his physician had to quit his practice he would not have been able to receive care for his potentially debilitating condition and would not have been able to participate in the event.

The Society also took the need for tort reform directly to the doctor's office. The Society was responsible for the creation of legislative tri-fold boards that were displayed throughout the local hospital and area doctors' offices. The boards were instrumental in communicating the need for medical liability reform to the community.

Glynn County Medical Society is active in numerous community health-awareness programs. Programs include "Vials for Life" which provides EMTs with important medical information in the case of emergencies, the donation of portable blood pressure cuffs to the school system, and the collection of gifts, food and essentials to underprivileged families and new mothers.

Glynn County Medical Society's involvement in legislative activities and health-awareness projects brings a better quality of medical care to the community and citizens.

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