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Augusta Doctor Recognized for Serving Community

ATLANTA – Augusta physician, Frank Marvin Rumph, M.D., was awarded the 2005 Physician Award for Community Service at the Medical Association of Georgia's 151st Annual House of Delegates in October.

Dr. Rumph's many contributions to the citizens of Richmond County and the surrounding area make him worthy of this award, given annually to a physician who demonstrates his love for the community outside the regular scope of practice.

Rumph, a graduate from the Medical College of Georgia, later went on to receive a Masters in Public Health at the University of South Carolina. His professional experience began in 1978 as an emergency room physician at West Georgia Medical Center in LaGrange. Rumph's role grew to include several positions and appointments in public health. He has supervised four state labs as Director of Public Health Laboratories in Georgia and also served as the Director of Community Health Section (Department of Public Health). His responsibilities included the statewide administration of Cancer Prevention and Control, Older Adult, Health Promotion, Sexually Transmitted Disease, Hypertension, and Diabetes programs.

Rumph chaired the "first" HIV/AIDS Task Force to establish a statewide plan for the approaching epidemic and later served as the Regional Manager for the Division of Public Health. In 1991, he was named a District Health Commissioner for the state in the East Central Public Health District.

Rumph retired as the District Health Commissioner in October after 14 years of service. He will continue his role in the community as the Executive Director of the East Georgia Cancer Network. The network will work closely with a Center of Excellence combining cancer research at the Medical College of Georgia and the University of Georgia.

During the course of his medical career, Rumph acquired more than \$3.2 million in grants for the citizens of the state of Georgia.

Rumph and his wife have four children and reside in Augusta, GA.

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