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MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF ATLANTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HONORED

ATLANTA – David F. Waldrep, the executive director of the Medical Association of Atlanta (MAA), received the Donna Glass Non-Physician Distinguished Service Award at the Medical Association of Georgia's (MAG) 158th House of Delegates meeting in Savannah on October 20. The award honors a non-physician for contributions to the advancement and support of medicine.

The MAA board members who nominated him for the award wrote that, "Mr. Waldrep has distinguished himself across many dimensions...his incisive financial acumen and strict adherence to accounting standards of practice, coupled with his unquestionable integrity, was just what 'the doctor ordered' to restore the association to financial stability."

Since assuming the reins as executive director in 2008, MAA's membership has doubled – growing from about 600 paid members to some 1,200 paid members. The MAA board members said that, "...David was centrally responsible (for this growth)." He is also credited with helping to recruit several large, high-profile groups – including The Southeast Permanente Medical Group and the Piedmont Physicians Group. Moreover, Waldrep has guided an investment strategy that has yielded a 20 percent return for MAA.

The MAA board members said that Waldrep has created an "effective venue and forum" for MAA physicians to participate in the advocacy arena at the state and local levels with the introduction of an annual legislative dinner, and he is building MAG's brand by promoting joint efforts with other county medical societies in the state – including Cobb, DeKalb and Gwinnett.
The MAA leaders concluded that, "In short, David has taken personal ownership of our association in a way that goes beyond his personal employment. He has protected and enriched MAA and the profession in Atlanta."

Waldrep lives in Marietta with his wife, Margaret.

With more than 7,000 members, MAG is the leading voice for the medical profession in Georgia. MAG membership has increased by more than 20 percent since the beginning of 2011. Go to www.mag.org for additional information.

Attached photo: MAG Immediate Past President Sandra B. Reed, M.D., and David F. Waldrep

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