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Alabama Public Health Association honors Dr. Thomas E. Moody of Birmingham

Birmingham- The Alabama Public Health Association recently recognized persons from across the state who demonstrated exceptional merit during the past year in the field of public health. The awards were presented at the association's Annual Meeting and Health Education Conference at the Renaissance Hotel and Spa in Montgomery on May 12, 2011.

Among the award recipients this year was Dr. Thomas E. Moody urologist with Urology Centers of Alabama. Dr. Moody was honored with the Ira L. Myers Award for Excellence. The Myers Award was first presented in 1987 to recognize an individual, group or organization that, through excellence in their work, has made a significant impact upon some aspect of public health in Alabama. The award was established to honor the former State Health Officer for his accomplishments by recognizing an individual, group or organization who, through excellence in work, has made a significant impact upon some aspect of public health in Alabama.

Dr. Moody was recognized for his work in prostate cancer in the State of Alabama. To date he has screened across Alabama over 3,000 men free for prostate cancer since 2006.

Letters of nomination stated, "His mission is to assure that every man in Alabama is provided an avenue to be screened for prostate cancer, and he goes the extra mile to do so. Dr. Moody views what he does as his 'mission work' and freely uses his abilities and knowledge to help others."

Dr. Moody is described by his peers as "an amazing man" whose commitment and dedication to fight prostate cancer in Alabama is unsurpassed. One of his peers stated, "Dr. Moody is a testament to the statement 'one man can make a difference,' and he serves as a role model for all of us."

Dr. Moody is also the recipient of numerous awards including the Mary Lou Wright Distinguished Leadership Award presented by U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions for his exceptional public service and dedication in the fight against prostate cancer. In 2009, the University of Alabama, School of Medicine, selected Dr. Moody as the "Martha Myers Role Model of the Year" for his travels across the state raising awareness about prostate cancer.

The Alabama Public Health Association is an approximately 500-member association of individuals and organizations interested in advancing public health in Alabama.

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