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PROSTATE CANCER CHAMPION RECEIVES 'MARY LOU WRIGHT DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP' AWARD

Dr. Thomas Moody of Alabama Demonstrates Commitment to Prostate Cancer Community

(Washington, DC) – The National Prostate Cancer Coalition (NPCC) has honored Dr. Thomas Moody of Alabama with the “Mary Lou Wright Distinguished Leadership Award.” Senator Jeff Sessions (AL - R) presented the award to Dr. Moody during NPCC's annual Advocacy Day activities in September.

The Mary Lou Wright Award is named after a pioneer in the field of prostate cancer awareness, outreach and advocacy, and is presented to Dr. Moody in acknowledgement of his exceptional public service and dedication in the fight against prostate cancer.

“Dr. Moody has been a major presence in the battle against prostate cancer in Alabama, and his dedication is invaluable,” said National Prostate Cancer Coalition CEO Richard N. Atkins, MD. “NPCC is proud to present this award to Dr. Moody for his efforts and commitment to the prostate cancer community.”

As President of the Urology Centers of Alabama, Dr. Moody has tirelessly traveled to both Washington, DC and Montgomery to lobby for support of federal and state legislators. He has donated his own time and money to set up screenings and raise awareness of the disease across the state, and has testified before the Alabama Senate Health Committee on the need for greater access to screening.

“I am thrilled to receive this award from the National Prostate Cancer Coalition,” said Dr. Moody. “This reinforces my commitment to encouraging policymakers nationwide to make prostate cancer a funding and research priority.”

Earlier this year, Dr. Moody played an integral part in Alabama's passage of a state insurance mandate law, and almost single-handedly raised Alabama's grade from an 'F' to a 'C' on the 2007 Prostate Cancer Report Cards. Next month, the National Prostate Cancer Coalition and Community Care Network will team up with Dr. Moody to offer free prostate cancer screenings in Montgomery as part of NPCC's *Drive Against Prostate Cancer* program. Further information about this free screening event is available at www.fightprostatecancer.org/drive.

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About the Mary Lou Wright Distinguished Leadership Award

Each year, the National Prostate Cancer Coalition recognizes an individual for their efforts to fight prostate cancer and raise awareness of this deadly disease. Mary Lou Wright was the President and CEO of the Robert J. Mathews Foundation for Prostate Cancer Research, the first prostate cancer-specific charity in the world. Her contributions to the prostate cancer community are unparalleled, and are a reflection of her commitment to men with the disease, those still yet to be diagnosed, and their families and loved ones.

About the National Prostate Cancer Coalition

The National Prostate Cancer Coalition sets the standard for rapidly reducing the burden of prostate cancer on American men and their families through awareness, outreach and advocacy.

Note to Editors: A photograph of Dr. Moody and Senator Jeff Sessions is available upon request. Please contact Brooke Saltzer at bsaltzer@fightprostatecancer.org to obtain an electronic file of the photo.

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