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AMA HONORS TEXAS GOVERNOR RICK PERRY WITH TOP GOVERNMENT SERVICE AWARD

WASHINGTON – Texas Governor Rick Perry is honored tonight with the American Medical Association’s (AMA) government service award for a governor or elected statewide official. He will be presented with the award by acclaimed documentary host and veteran broadcast journalist Bill Kurtis at an awards dinner tonight in Washington, D.C. as part of the AMA’s National Advocacy Conference.

“Gov. Perry’s successful efforts to reform Texas’ medial liability climate exemplify his dedication to improving care for Texas patients,” said AMA President-elect J. James Rohack, M.D. “Thousands of physicians have flocked to Texas, providing Texans with increased access to health care, including much-needed specialist and emergency medicine physicians.”

Gov. Perry is one of eight honorees chosen this year to receive the Dr. Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Government Service. The award, named for the founding father of the AMA, recognizes elected and career officials in federal, state or municipal service whose outstanding contributions have promoted the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health.

“Through the Nathan Davis Awards, the American Medical Association salutes government officials who go above and beyond the call of duty to improve public health,” said Dr. Rohack. “Award winners come from every branch of government service and are a testament to the important role public officials play in creating and implementing health policy that benefits Americans.”

Gov. Perry was nominated for the award by the Texas Medical Association, a member of the AMA federation.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Dr. Nathan Davis Awards. Recipients of this year’s awards also include U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy and U.S. Rep. Nathan Deal.

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