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November 29, 2022 – Harr Receives MAFP Distinguished Service Award

The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) presented Patrick Harr MD, FAAFP, of Maryville, Missouri, with the 2022 Distinguished Service Award at the Academy's 74th Annual Meeting on November 12, 2022, at Big Cedar Lodge in Ridgedale, MO. A committee of family physicians selected Dr. Harr from nominations made by patients, community members, and fellow physicians.

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes members, nonmembers, and entities for long-time dedication to advancing, contributing, and supporting the MAFP and the specialty of family medicine. There were three Distinguished Service awards presented by the Academy this year.

Dr. Harr is a family physician from Maryville and is retired, but he still serves as the team physician for Maryville High School and Northwest Missouri State University.

Dr. Harr has served both the AAFP and the MAFP throughout his career. He held the prestigious position of president of the AAFP from 1996-1997 and the MAFP in 1989. To become president of any organization is an obligation of service through committee work and board service. Dr. Harr is no exception, with many years of sharing his knowledge and expertise at the local, state, and national levels.

In addition to his commitment to his professional organizations, he has been involved at the community level by serving on medical boards, various committees, and other volunteer work.

Dr. Harr earned his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Missouri Columbia. He completed his family medicine residency at the University of Rochester.

About the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP)

Founded in 1947, the MAFP represents over 2,300 physicians and medical students nationwide. It is the only medical society devoted solely to primary care. Headquartered in Jefferson City, MAFP is dedicated to optimizing the health of patients, families, and communities of Missouri through patient care, advocacy, education, and research.

Family physicians conduct approximately one in five of the total medical office visits in the United States annually – more than any other specialty. Family physicians provide comprehensive, evidence-based, and cost-effective care dedicated to improving the health of patients, families and communities. Family medicine's cornerstone is an ongoing and personal patient-physician relationship where the family physician serves as the hub of each patient's

integrated care team. More Americans depend on family physicians than on any other medical specialty.

The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians is the state chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians, which represents 136,700 physicians and medical students nationwide and is located in Leawood, Kansas.

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