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November 17, 2021 – Tobin Receives MAFP Distinguished Service Award

The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) presented Marla Tobin, MD, FAAFP, of Warrensburg, Missouri, with the 2021 Distinguished Service Award at the Academy's 73rd Annual Meeting held November 12-13, 2021 at Big Cedar Lodge, Ridgedale, Missouri. Dr. Tobin was chosen as the award recipient by a committee of family physicians 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 to the MAFP and the specialty of family medicine. This is the first Distinguished Service award to be presented by the Academy. Dr. Marla Tobin from Warrensburg has shown long term dedication to MAFP and the American Academy of Family Physicians by starting her membership in her first week of medical school in 1976 and continuing this dedication for her entire career. This dedication continued for the next forty-five years through various career and leadership roles including many media presentations promoting Family Medicine.

Dr. Tobin spent 20 years in the AAFP Congress of Delegates and working on national committees as well as serving in leadership roles in Missouri including being President of the MAFP. She delivered over 1,300 babies, starting and managing 2 busy clinics, doing house calls, nursing home care, hospital care, surgeries, and sideline medical care for local sports teams. She also was a Medical Director for 2 national health insurance companies advocating for Family Physicians. Throughout her career she has always taught, coached, and mentored many healthcare professionals and new physicians encouraging them to enter careers in healthcare and specifically Family Medicine.

Dr. Tobin earned her undergraduate degree in biology and her medical degree from the University of Missouri Columbia. She completed her family medicine residency at Duke University, in Durham, North Carolina.

About the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP)

Founded in 1947, the MAFP represents over 2,400 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 the patients, families and communities of Missouri by supporting family physicians in providing patient care, advocacy, education and research.

Family physicians conduct approximately one in five of the total medical office visits in the United States per year – 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 who represents 136,700 physicians and medical students nationwide and is located in Leawood, Kansas.

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