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November 29, 2022 – Ratcliff Receives MAFP Distinguished Service Award

The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) presented Keith Ratcliff MD, FAAFP, of Washington, 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. Ratcliff 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.

Since 2003 Dr. Ratcliff has served on the MAFP Board of Directors, beginning as a district director, moving to leadership roles, and is now a past president. He is co-chair of the MAFP Advocacy Commission and fulfilling his final year of representing MAFP at the AAFP's Congress of Delegates.

Dr. Ratcliff is a family physician at the Mercy Clinic Four Rivers Family Medicine in New Haven. He has precepted medical students and residents, in addition to training paramedics and EMTs. He has also participated in several mission trips to Honduras.

Dr. Ratcliff describes his journey with the Academy as rewarding. "I continue to learn compassion, compromise, and collegiality from some of the most passionate and engaging physicians that I have ever met," he said. "Over the decades, our Academy has given more to me than I can ever give back."

When he is not working or volunteering his time, Dr. Ratcliff enjoys flying across the country. He is involved in the Franklin County Honor flight and has supported over 3,000 veterans to see their memorials in Washington, DC. In addition, he and his wife, Judy, enjoy camping, riding motorcycles, working on the farm, and guiding their four children to become adults.

Dr. Ratcliff earned his undergraduate degrees in both biology and chemistry from Washington University in Saint Louis. He then earned his medical degree from the University of Missouri Columbia, where he also completed his family medicine residency.

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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