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**GEORGIA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS HONORS  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE LARRY (BUTCH) PARRISH**

State Representative Larry (Butch) Parrish, of Swainsboro (District 156) received the 2011 Legislative Champion of the Year Award from the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians (GAFP) on November 12<sup>th</sup>. The GAFP Family Medicine Legislative Champion of the Year Award is given to a lawmaker who demonstrates distinguished leadership and an unceasing commitment to assist Georgia's family physicians and their patients.

Representative Parrish was recognized for his great appreciation for family medicine and primary care; and his tireless work as Vice Chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

"I am honored by this award and I appreciate the great job Georgia's Family Physicians do in treating the citizens of our state. Keep up the good work," states Dr. Butch Parrish, State Representative of Swainsboro (District 156).

He has served in the Georgia State House of Representatives since 1985 and is currently serving his 13th term. Representative Parrish represents District 156 which includes Emanuel, Candler and portions of Bulloch and Johnson Counties. In 2011, he was named the Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Appropriations for Healthcare and is the Vice Chairman of the Appropriations Committee. He also serves as a member of the Rules Committee, the Economic Development and Tourism Committee, and the Banks and Banking Committee. In addition, he serves on the One Georgia Authority Overview Committee and the Georgia World Congress Center Overview Committee.

Representative Parrish was born in Swainsboro, Georgia and graduated from Swainsboro High School. He attended the University of Georgia and was president of his senior class in Pharmacy School. He graduated in 1964 with a B.S. degree in Pharmacy and began practicing pharmacy in Swainsboro in 1965. He and his wife, Charlotte, have three grown children and seven grandchildren.

Representative Parrish was honored by GAFP at their annual meeting in Atlanta.

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*Established in 1947, the GAFP is a member chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. GAFP strives to promote the specialty of family medicine through the education of and service to Family Physician in Georgia. Boasting a membership of 2,500 family physicians, family medicine residents, and medical students, the organization supports those who aspire to achieve excellence and who are committed to delivering it. For more information, please visit us on the web at [www.gafp.org](http://www.gafp.org) or call (404) 321-7445.*