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**GEORGIA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS HONORS  
SENATOR EARL “BUDDY” CARTER**

Senator Earl L. “Buddy” Carter, of Pooler, received the 2011 Legislative Champion of the Year Award from the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians (GAFP) on August 6<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 family physicians and their patients in Georgia.

Senator Carter was recognized by GAFP for his commitment to the health and safety of Georgians. GAFP honored Senator Carter for his legislative leadership as he successfully carried the Prescription Monitoring Act Bill during the 2011 Legislative Session; it was signed into law in May 2011.

"I am honored to be named Legislative Champion of the Year by the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians, one of the most respected medical associations in our state. Family Physicians play a vital role in delivering quality healthcare to our citizens and I am humbled to be recognized by them," stated Senator Carter after receiving the award.

In 2005 he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives where he served until September of 2009. In November 2009 he was elected to the Georgia State Senate representing District 1. He currently is the Vice Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee as well as serving on Appropriations, Ethics, Regulated Industries Committees and Chair of State Institutions and Properties.

Senator Buddy Carter was born in Savannah, Georgia and graduated with a B.S. in Pharmacy from the College of Pharmacy at the University of Georgia after earning an associate degree from Young Harris College. Besides being active in politics and the community, Senator Carter is also a full time pharmacist. He is a fourth-term legislator who entered politics to give back to the state and community that has so richly blessed his family and his life.

Senator Carter was honored by GAFP at their Board meeting in Macon. Additionally, GAFP’s Board of Directors nominated Senator Buddy Carter for Georgia Rural Health Association’s Legislator of the Year Award.

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