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Rep. Peggy Lehner Awarded OAFP Friend of Family Medicine Award *Lehner Recognized for Work on H.B. 198, Patient-Centered Medical Home*

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Rep. Peggy Lehner of Kettering, Ohio, was awarded on May 15 the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians (OAFP) 2010 Friend of Family Medicine Award.

The Friend of Family Medicine Award is given to recognize either an elected official or member of the media who has worked or reported on issues related to family medicine in Ohio.

“In bestowing the Friend of Family Medicine Award, OAFP recognizes extraordinary contributions to family medicine by non-physicians. We do not give this award out annually, only when someone’s contributions warrant the description of extraordinary. The work of Rep. Lehner on H.B. 198 certainly fits the definition of extraordinary; she is most deserving of this recognition,” said Ann Spicer, OAFP executive vice president.

In addition to her work on H.B. 198, OAFP recognized Lehner with the award for her dedication to the patient-centered medical home (PCMH) model of care. H.B. 198 is a bill to establish in Ohio the PCMH education pilot project and to authorize implementation of a primary care component of the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program.

“Rep. Lehner has shown a level of passion and persistence that is rarely seen in leadership today. Her decisions are carefully researched and she remains focused first and foremost on doing the right thing in all situations. Her balance of home and work is admirable, and I can think of no higher compliment than to say she would have made an excellent family physician! We are fortunate to have an individual of her caliber working on behalf patients in Ohio,” said Ted Wymyslo, M.D., of Family Medicine Dayton Inc., Dayton, Ohio, who nominated Rep. Lehner for this award.

The Ohio Academy of Family Physicians is a statewide, professional association with more than 4,200 members, including practicing physicians, family medicine residents and medical students. The scope of family medicine encompasses all ages, both sexes and every disease entity. Family physicians provide comprehensive, continuing care to all members of the family. For more information, visit www.ohioafp.org.

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Editor’s Note

To receive a copy of Lehner’s photograph, please send an e-mail to Megan Smith at msmith@ohioafp.org or call (800) 742-7327.