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## **Dan Hinkle receives Patient Advocacy Award**

GALVESTON, TEXAS — Dan Hinkle has been named the recipient of the 2017 Patient Advocacy Award by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians. During the organization’s 2017 Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in Galveston on Nov. 11, his prerecorded acceptance speech was shared with those in attendance. The award honors an individual who demonstrates a commitment to protecting and advancing the welfare of patients in Texas.

Hinkle has more than 30 years of government affairs experience and an extensive background in both engineering and legal fields. In 2008, TAFP Chief Executive Officer and Executive Vice President, Tom Banning, knew the upcoming Legislative session would present new challenges and recognized the benefits of working with someone with Hinkle’s experience.

“Dan was an indispensable part of TAFP’s advocacy team,” said TAFP Chief Executive Officer, Tom Banning. “He was integral in the passage of the physician loan repayment program and increasing state support for graduate medical education.”

“This award is special to me. I grew up in the second-least-populated county in the state of Missouri,” Hinkle said. “We were lucky we had a family physician in our town because the nearest hospital was nearly 50 miles away. It has been a great privilege and honor to represent the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.”

Hinkle received his Bachelor of Science from Missouri University of Science and Technology. He went on to earn his Juris Doctorate from Oklahoma City University and is a member of the Alaska, Oklahoma, and Texas Bar Associations.

*The Texas Academy of Family Physicians is the premier membership organization dedicated to uniting the family doctors of Texas through advocacy, education and member services, and empowering them to provide a medical home for patients of all ages. TAFP has 32 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Visit [www.tafp.org](http://www.tafp.org) for more information.*