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Barbara Thompson, MD, receives Presidential Award of Merit

GALVESTON, TEXAS — Barbara Thompson, MD, of Galveston, Texas, was awarded the Presidential Award of Merit by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians during the organization's Annual Session Primary Care Summit in Galveston on Nov. 11. TAFP President Tricia Elliott chose to honor Dr. Thompson with this award for her leadership and dedication to the specialty.

Thompson is a family physician professor at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and currently holds the Sealy Hutchings and Lucille Wright Hutchings Chair. She is also the current chair of the department of family medicine, a position she's held for 20 years.

She has spent more than 40 years caring for her patients, advocating for the specialty of family medicine, and teaching students and residents. Thompson received numerous honors and awards for her work as a professor and physician. She's a recipient of the John P. McGovern Award and Endowment, she's been recognized eight times as a Texas Super Doctor by Texas Monthly Magazine, and she was recognized by the UTMB School of Medicine Alumni Association with the Ashbel Smith Distinguished Alumnus Award for her outstanding service to the medical profession and humanity.

Thompson earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas at Austin and her medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. She completed an internship at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York, New York, and completed her family medicine residency at the University of Texas Medical Branch Family Medicine Residency Program.

Family physicians like Thompson are qualified to work in all major medical areas and are trained to treat more than 90 percent of all cases they encounter. Family physicians care for patients of all ages.

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. It has 32 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Visit www.tafp.org for more information.