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CORINTH PHYSICIAN HONORED AS MISSISSIPPI'S FAMILY PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR

RIDGELAND – William G. Jackson of Corinth, was honored as Mississippi's Family Physician of the Year 2019 at the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) Annual Meeting in July.

The John B. Howell, MD, Memorial Award, as it is formally known, was first given in 1977 in memory of Dr. Howell, a pioneer in the practice of family medicine and long-time delegate to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). The individuals who have held the title exemplify the most outstanding qualities of a family physician. They are admired by their peers and looked up to by citizens of their communities.

Dr. Jackson is a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians who has served the people of Corinth and the surrounding area since 1976. He is affiliated with Magnolia Regional Health Center in Corinth.

Dr. Jackson graduated from Walnut High School, Northeast Mississippi Community College (NEMCC) and Mississippi State University before going on to the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. After graduating medical school in 1975, he completed an internship at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, TN, and returned to Mississippi to practice.

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Dr. Jackson has been involved in the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians for many years. Following service as a board member, he held every Academy office while working his way up to President in 2002-03. He also represented Mississippi nationally as an alternate delegate to the AAFP Congress of Delegates. Dr. Jackson is also a member of the Mississippi State Medical Association, past president of the Alcorn County Medical Club, and previously served as Chief of Staff at Magnolia Regional Health Center.

But what really sets him apart as a natural selection for Family Physician of the Year is his commitment to community. He is currently active in the City of Corinth Historical Commission, the Seige and Battle of Corinth Commission, and the Yocona Area Council for Boy Scouts of America. He is a past chair of the NEMCC Development Foundation Board, and a past president of both the Corinth YMCA and the Boys Club of Corinth. Dr. Jackson is active in training future physicians by precepting third year medical students from both the University of Mississippi School of Medicine and the Magnolia Regional Health Center Internal Medicine program. He has previously served on the National Alliance on Mental Illness in Corinth and is actively involved at the First United Methodist Church of Corinth.

Jackson is no stranger to awards, having been honored as NEMCC's Alumni of the Year and inducted to NEMCC's Alumni Hall of Fame. He received the Derrick Award for Information and Quality Healthcare, and was honored by the Rotary Club with its Humanitarian Award and Paul Harris Fellow Award.

Dr. Jackson is married to his college sweetheart, Linda Gene. Their three daughters are Candace Marlar (Josh), Lindsey Jackson and Morgan Williams (Kevin). Their grandchildren include Jackson Marlar, Hilton Marlar and Eleanor Williams.

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