Congressman Phil Gingrey Receives First Annual PIAA Legislative Leadership Award

Rockville, MD – May 25, 2012 – The Physician Insurers Association of America (PIAA), the national insurance industry trade association representing medical professional liability (MPL) insurance companies, today announced that Congressman Phil Gingrey, MD (R-GA), has been named recipient of the first annual PIAA Legislative Leadership Award. Gingrey was presented with the award during the 2012 PIAA Medical Liability Conference in Washington, D.C.

The award honors a U.S. Senator or Member of Congress who exemplifies outstanding service to the MPL insurance industry, as well as to the healthcare providers they insure and their patients. Gingrey was a practicing obstetrician/gynecologist before joining Congress, and has been a champion of MPL reform for many years.

Congressman Gingrey has been the lead sponsor of H.R. 5—the Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare Act—since 2005. In the current Congress, Gingrey has also sponsored H.R. 816, the Provider Shield Act, to help ensure federal guidelines or regulations resulting from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act are not inappropriately used to develop new standards of care.

“Congressman Gingrey has been truly dedicated to physicians, patients, and the medical liability industry throughout his time on Capitol Hill,” said PIAA Chair Theodore J. Clarke, MD. “We are pleased to honor him with this award for his work on H.R. 5, the preeminent MPL reform bill in Congress, as well as his other significant contributions.”

Dr. Clarke and immediate past PIAA Chair, James L. Weidner, presented Congressman Gingrey with the award at a brief ceremony in the U.S. Capitol.

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