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WASHINGTON -- The American Medical Association (AMA) announced today the eight recipients of the 2005 Dr. Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Government Service – the highest award the nation’s largest physician organization can bestow upon a public official.

The award, named for the founding father of the AMA, recognizes elected and career officials in federal, state, or municipal service whose outstanding contributions have promoted the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health.

“The Nathan Davis Awards highlight the significant accomplishments attained by those in government service who are giving of themselves to advance the health and well-being of all,” said AMA President John C. Nelson, M.D., M.P.H.

The recipients of this year’s awards are:

UNITED STATES SENATOR

- The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, representing the state of Iowa
- The Honorable Max Baucus, representing the state of Montana

ELECTED STATEWIDE OFFICIAL

- The Honorable W.A. “Drew” Edmondson, Attorney General, state of Oklahoma

MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH SERVING BY PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT

- The Honorable William Winkenwerder, Jr., M.D., M.B.A., Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, U.S. Department of Defense

MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH IN CAREER PUBLIC SERVICE

- Vice Admiral James A. Zimble, M.D. (USN ret.), President Emeritus, Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences

STATE SENATOR

- The Honorable Vi Simpson, Indiana State Senate

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE

- The Honorable Dianne White Delisi, Texas House of Representatives

CAREER PUBLIC SERVANT AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

- Stephanie B.C. Bailey, M.D., Director of Health, Metro Public Health Department of Nashville/Davidson County

Through these awards, the AMA strives to encourage and stimulate recognition for the highest public service standards throughout all levels of government.

Recipients of the Dr. Nathan Davis Awards are selected by an independent panel of judges. Members of the 2005 panel of judges include:

Donald W. Fisher, Ph.D., President & CEO, American Medical Group Association; Mary R. Grealy, J.D., President, Healthcare Leadership Council; J. Edward Hill, M.D., President-Elect, AMA; Joyce M. Johnson, D.O., Vice President, Health Sciences Health and Life Sciences Division, Battelle; Michael D. Maves, M.D., M.B.A., Executive Vice President & CEO, AMA; John C. Nelson, M.D., President, AMA; J. James Rohack, M.D., Chair, Board of Trustees, AMA; Marilyn Yager, Executive Director, Renal Leadership Council, Alston & Bird L.L.P.

The awards will be presented Tuesday, March 15, in conjunction with the AMA National Advocacy Conference at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C.

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