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Savannah Pharmacist Robert E. Shutt Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The Tennessee Pharmacists Association has selected Robert E. Shutt as the recipient of the 2014 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Shutt was presented with the award at the Annual Convention on Thursday, July 24. The award is sponsored by the American Pharmacists Association Foundation, the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations and the American Pharmacists Association with support from Boehringer Ingelheim.

Shutt has dedicated the last 40 years to both the profession of pharmacy and his community as an independent pharmacy owner and pharmacist and as mayor of Savannah, TN, since 1999. After graduating from the UT College of Pharmacy with a bachelor of science in 1974, he worked as a staff pharmacist for Medco Drugs before becoming an independent retail pharmacy owner of Super Drugs Pharmacy in Savannah in 1980. He retired from community pharmacy in 2012 after being in business for 32 years. From 1978 to 1982 he served as Hardin County Commissioner and was elected to the Savannah City Commission in 1997 before being elected as mayor in 1999. In 1997, he was named Hardin County “Man of the Year,” an award given to individuals who have made significant contributions to the Hardin County Community.

Shutt previously served as Chairman of the Hardin County General Hospital Board of Directors (1980-2003), was a member of the Board of Directors for the Hardin County Library (1998-2003), and was appointed to the Hardin County Drug Task Force Board of Directors from 1999-2005. Currently, he serves on the Board of Directors for the Darryl Worley Cancer Treatment Center, Hardin County Skills, Inc., and Central Bank of Savannah. His accomplishments as mayor of Savannah include Savannah being recognized by the state of Tennessee as the 22nd official Certified Mainstreet Community; working with the Savannah School Board to build two new schools in Savannah, completed in 2012; adopting the “River Report” status that has led the city to become a rural retail hub in West Tennessee; partnering with Darryl Worley to create the annual “Tennessee River Run” which has raised over 6 million dollars to build the Cancer Treatment Center in Savannah; and recently completing a 3 million dollar Tennessee Street Park which has received both state and national awards. He is also in the process of building a Veterans Memorial Park to honor all veterans of Savannah and Hardin Counties. His professional affiliations include the American Pharmaceutical Association, Tennessee Pharmacists Association and Phi Delta Chi Pharmaceutical Fraternity.

Established in 1958, the Bowl of Hygeia Award recognizes pharmacists who possess outstanding records of civic leadership in their communities and encourages pharmacists to take active roles in the affairs of their respective communities. The award is presented annually by participating state pharmacist associations, including those in the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In addition to service through their local, state and national pharmacy associations, award recipients have devoted their time, talent and resources to a wide variety of causes and community service.

The Bowl of Hygeia is the most widely recognized international symbol for the pharmacy profession and is considered one of the profession’s most prestigious awards. The Bowl of Hygeia has been associated with the pharmacy profession since as early as 1796 when the symbol was used on a coin minted for the Parisian Society of Pharmacy. The bowl represents a medicinal potion and the snake represents healing. Healing through medicine is precisely why the pharmacy profession has adopted the Bowl of Hygeia symbol.

Information regarding contributing to the Bowl of Hygeia future is available by contacting the APhA Foundation at 202-429-7565 or info@aphafoundation.org.

About the American Pharmacists Association Foundation

The APhA Foundation, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., is a trusted source of research demonstrating how pharmacists can improve health care. The APhA Foundation's mission is to improve people's health through pharmacists' patient care services. The APhA Foundation is affiliated with the American Pharmacists Association, the national professional society of pharmacists in the U.S. For more information, please visit the APhA Foundation website www.aphafoundation.org. Follow the APhA Foundation on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for the latest updates.

About the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations

The National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA) promotes leadership, sharing, learning, and policy exchange among pharmacy leaders in all 50 states and Washington, DC, and provides education and advocacy to support pharmacists, patients, and communities working together to improve public health. NASPA was founded in 1927 as the National Council of State Pharmacy Association Executives (NCSPA). For more information, please visit the NASPA Web site www.naspa.us.