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MINNEAPOLIS PHYSICIAN TO RECEIVE MMA MINORITY AFFAIRS AWARD

MINNEAPOLIS—Charles Crutchfield Sr., M.D., will receive the Minnesota Medical Association's Minority Affairs Meritorious Service Award at the 155th MMA Annual Meeting at the Crowne Plaza Hotel-Riverfront in St. Paul Sept. 17-19.

Crutchfield is being honored for his service to the African American community and his support of African American physicians in Minnesota.

Crutchfield, a practicing OB/GYN, has been a strong advocate for and mentor to Minnesota's African American physicians and medical students. Fellow physicians say Crutchfield was always available to assist, encourage, and mentor his African American colleagues during the more than 30 years he practiced medicine in St. Paul.

In addition to being an MMA member, Crutchfield has also been active in the National Medical Association, a national medical association for African American physicians, and served as president of the Minnesota Association of Black Physicians.

Crutchfield has also been a leader in improving the health and welfare of St. Paul and the surrounding communities. Crutchfield, a native of Jasper, AL, graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School and is the first black obstetrician to practice in Minnesota. He has delivered more than 9,000 babies during his career. Dr. Crutchfield is past chair of the OB/GYN Departments at United Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Paul.

The award will be presented at the meeting of the MMA House of Delegates on Wednesday, September 17 at 7 p.m.

The Minnesota Medical Association is a professional association of about 10,000 physicians, medical students, residents, and fellows.