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KDHE Secretary Mosier presents U.S. Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins with national rural healthcare award

Topeka, Kan. – U.S. Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins joined Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Secretary Susan Mosier, MD, MBA, FACS, today for a presentation of the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) Legislator of the Year Award. Representatives from NOSORH, the Kansas Hospital Association, the Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved, the Kansas Medical Society and KDHE's Primary Care and Rural Health section also participated in the award presentation.

"Congresswoman Jenkins has made tremendous strides to improve the quality of rural health care and access to it," said Secretary Mosier. "I'm very pleased that NOSORH has recognized her great work and numerous achievements in this area."

A native of Holton, Congresswoman Jenkins has sponsored several rural health bills during the past few years such as the Critical Access Hospital Relief Act, Making the Education of Nurses Dependable for Schools Act, and Creating Access to Rehabilitation for Every Senior (CARES) Act. In addition, Congresswoman Jenkins introduced H. Res. 398, which recognizes that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities throughout the country.

NOSORH is a national nonprofit membership organization that represents the 50 State Offices of Rural Health around the nation and promotes a healthy rural America through state and community leadership. Nominations for the Legislator of the Year Award are accepted annually from NOSORH members and national rural health partners and organizations. The NOSORH Legislator of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding individual federal legislator for her work and support of rural health initiatives that address national rural health care needs.

Congresswoman Jenkins joins past Kansas winners of the award Senators Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran.

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