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LARGO OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN, PHILIP SHETTLE, DO, FAOCO, RECEIVES FOMA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Tallahassee, FL – Philip Shettle, DO, FAOCO, of Largo, Florida, received the 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association (FOMA) during its 107th Annual Convention held February 18-21, 2010, in Weston, Florida. A crowd of more than 1,100 osteopathic physicians, healthcare professionals, and students attended the Convention.

The FOMA Lifetime Achievement Award has been presented to an osteopathic physician who has made a significant contribution to the osteopathic community in Florida over the span of his/her lifetime and carved a path for osteopathic physicians nationwide. Dr. Shettle received this award in recognition and appreciation of his devotion as a leader, physician, mentor and osteopathic visionary, and for his lifelong commitment to provide quality healthcare to the patients of Florida and to the osteopathic profession.

Dr. Shettle graduated from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1964. In 1972, Dr. Shettle opened his practice, Shettle Eye Center, in Largo, Florida. In 1974, Dr. Shettle was appointed Chief of Staff at Sun Coast Osteopathic Hospital and was subsequently reappointed in 1975 and 1976. Dr. Shettle became board certified in Ophthalmology in 1977 and a Fellow of the American Osteopathic Colleges of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery in 1981.

On a national level Dr. Shettle served as an AOA Trustee since 1995 and as a delegate to the AOA House of Delegates since 1990. He chaired many AOA committees, was 3rd, 2nd, and 1st Vice President before becoming President of the AOA in 2004. His honors include the FOMA Distinguished Service Award 1997, Distinguished Service Award from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine Alumni, 1996 and Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society Physician of the Year in 1994.

Dr. Shettle currently practices at Shettle Eye Center in Largo alongside his 3 sons, Lee Shettle, DO, Scott Shettle, OD, and Todd Shettle, OD. He was one of the first ophthalmologists to establish his practice in Pinellas County, providing expert eye care at the same location for over 30 years. Dr. Shettle built his practice on the philosophy of providing personal and friendly eye care to each individual patient in a relaxed atmosphere.

The Florida Osteopathic Medical Association (FOMA) is the state association for osteopathic physicians in Florida. The FOMA has been serving osteopathic physicians since 1904. Our Executive Office is located in Tallahassee, Florida. The FOMA was organized for the purposes of advancing the science and art of osteopathic medicine; extending the benefits of scientific advancement to the treatment, prevention, and alleviation of human ailments; and promoting closer relationships between the osteopathic profession, FOMA members, and other groups dedicated to improved health care.

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