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## SENATOR ADELAIDE ECKARDT RECEIVES MEDCHI AWARD

BALTIMORE, March 15, 2017 — MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, recognized Senator Adelaide C. Eckardt for receiving the 2016 MedChi Legislative Award for her outstanding advocacy on behalf of rural medicine, Medicaid patients, and the public health of Maryland. Dr. Willarda Edwards and Dr. Brooke Buckley presented her with her award last week.

Immediate Past President, Brooke M. Buckley, M.D., stated "Senator Eckardt has been a passionate voice for the eastern shore and for patients. Maryland's physicians recognize that strong nursing partners in the legislature are essential to protecting health care and health care delivery in our state."

Senator Eckardt is a Republican that represents District 37 which includes Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot, and Wicomico Counties. She was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1994 and was a member of the House from 1995-2015. She was elected to the Maryland Senate in 2014 and has been a member ever since.

Gene Ransom, CEO of MedChi, stated "MedChi thanks Senator Eckardt for all of her hard work and dedication towards the public health of Maryland."

## About MedChi

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, is a non-profit membership association of Maryland physicians. Formed in 1799, it is still the largest physician organization in Maryland today. The mission of MedChi is to serve as Maryland's foremost advocate and resource for physicians, their patients and the public health of Maryland. For more information, please visit <u>www.medchi.org</u>.