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Dear Tom:

The Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians (WAFP), on behalf of its 2,900 members, congratulates you for receiving the *2014 Legend in Teaching Award*. We can think of no one more deserving of this honor. This honor is a fitting testament to your legacy since you were the 1984 recipient of the WAFP Family Medicine Educator of the Year Award. Throughout your career, Tom, you have been a champion of Family Medicine on behalf of both students and residents. We know in the early years it was not always popular to promote family medicine training but you, thankfully, had a bigger, broader vision for the specialty and the needs of Wisconsin, particularly in rural and underserved areas. We salute you for your passion, dedication and vision to ensuring an adequate primary care workforce in Wisconsin.

The Board and Academy also congratulates you, Tom, on being awarded the first ever *Thomas H. Peterson Recognition of Service* award. Again we believe this is a well deserved honor and one that will fortunately live on with your name attached to it. Thank you to the Wausau Family Medicine Residency Program for acknowledging something that all of us in the state and around the country know about Tom -- his commitment to service of others. In 1983, Tom, you were president of the WAFP. During your tenure you helped set the path for future leaders and helped family medicine be recognized as a solution to health care delivery for years to come. To steal a phrase – *You are a Legend!*

Thank you, Tom, for all you have done for the state of Wisconsin, Family Medicine and the Academy. Many colleagues are smiling right now and applauding these honors bestowed upon you.

All WAFP members, past, present and future say THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

Mark Thompson, MD
President
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