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Clark County Medical Society Honors Senator Joseph Hardy, MD with Harold Lee Feikes, MD Memorial Award

*Local Physician/Nevada State Senator given prestigious award at CCMS Presidential
Installation Dinner & Awards Ceremony*

LAS VEGAS (July 10, 2013) - The Clark County Medical Society ([CCMS](#)) honored Senator Joseph P. Hardy, MD with the prestigious [Harold Lee Feikes, MD Memorial Award](#), for his outstanding community service work beyond the call of duty. The Feikes Award was presented to Dr. Hardy at the 59th annual Presidential Installation Dinner & Awards Ceremony on June 29, 2013.

“This award was an honor for me individually, but also collectively, for all the physicians who care for [our patients] and strive to make our patients feel better,” Hardy said. “I have been raised by good parents and held to a standard of caring for people... I would hope to be accused of being one who cares for people, as many of my colleagues do. Fortunately, I think that is not unique in our profession.”

Dr. Hardy, a native Nevadan, has made numerous contributions to Nevada medicine over his illustrious career. Dr. Hardy was elected to the Boulder City Council in 1999, and then in 2002, to the Nevada State Assembly where he served four terms. Critically important to Nevada medicine, Assemblyman Dr. Hardy served on the Assembly Health Committee and the Assembly Commerce Committee. In 2010, Dr. Hardy was elected to the Nevada State Senate where he again serves on the Commerce Committee and the Health and Human Services committee.

Dr. Hardy has served, among other positions, as: a charter member of the Boulder City Drug Abuse Council; on the Board of Directors for St. Rose Dominican Hospital, the Clark County Health District and Boulder City Hospital, where he was also Chief of Staff and Chief of the hospital's Internal Medicine and Family Medicine departments; and as a 2003-2004 member of the Regents Ad Hoc Committee for Higher Education/Health.

Dr. Hardy has always had a heart for service. “I have learned that when you serve people, you're serving, in essence, your creator, and that creator has created you and me, and loves each of his children,” Hardy said. “It only behooves us, who are physicians, to show that same love to our patients and to each other.”

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Dr. Hardy has also served on the clinical faculty of the University of Nevada School of Medicine, teaching medical students and NP (Nurse Practitioner) students, and on the clinical faculty of Touro University Nevada, where he taught medical students and PA (Physician's Assistant) students. Dr. Hardy has served as president of the Nevada Academy of Family Physicians, and has twice been selected as Nevada Family Physician of the Year by his colleagues in that organization.

Another prestigious award presented by the Clark County Medical Society is the [President's Award](#). The CCMS President's Award is a time-honored tradition which allows both the outgoing president and incoming president to acknowledge achievements made by deserving medical professionals in Southern Nevada. One of the goals at [CCMS](#) is to increase the public's awareness of the outstanding health care that is being provided in our community. Outgoing President Dr. George Alexander chose to honor CCMS Trustee and Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) Secretary Dr. Weldon (Don) Havins with the 2013 President's Award. Incoming President Dr. Keith Brill was pleased to present his 2013 President's Award to long-standing NSMA Executive Director Larry Matheis.

For more information on CCMS award recipients/finalists, please visit

<http://clarkcountymedical.org/Nominations.php>

About Clark County Medical Society:

Established in 1955, the Clark County Medical Society is a professional organization of more than 1,100 physicians. The organization advocates for physicians and their patients in Southern Nevada, encouraging the delivery of quality health care within the community. For more information visit www.clarkcountymedical.org or call 702-739-9989. Follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/CCMedSociety

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