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DR. MARK RILEY ELECTED NCPA CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

LITTLE ROCK, AR (Oct. 19, 2011) – Dr. Mark Riley, Executive Vice President of the Arkansas Pharmacists Association (APA), was elected Oct. 12 as Chairman of the Board of the National Community Pharmacists Association. Dr. Riley was elected during the NCPA 113th Annual Convention and Trade Exposition in Nashville. NCPA is a national association that represents the interests of America's community pharmacists, including the owners of more than 23,000 independent community pharmacies, pharmacy franchises, and chains.

Dr. Riley is the chief spokesman and advocate for pharmacy in Arkansas, representing pharmacy practice to the State Board of Pharmacy, state legislators, Arkansas Medicaid and other state government agencies. He is a nationally renowned expert on Pharmacy Benefit Managers and has served on various committees and on the NCPA Board since 1979.

Dr. Riley joined APA as Executive Vice President in 2003. He has owned East End Pharmacy in Little Rock since 1983 and served as pharmacist-in-charge until 2003. From 1993 to 2003 Dr. Riley was director of provider relations for National Medical Health Card (formerly Pharmacy Associates, Inc.), and from 1971 to 1983 he served as manager/pharmacist at Landmark Pharmacy, both in Little Rock.

Dr. Riley's professional affiliations include: faculty preceptor and guest lecturer, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Pharmacy; member, Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy 1999-2003; and member of the Dean's Council, UAMS. Dr. Riley served on the Board of Directors and was President of APA in 1984-1985. He was awarded APA "Pharmacist of the Year" in 1988.

He is currently a participant in health and career education at local schools and served as president, baseball commissioner and on the Board of Commissioners for the East End Community Association.

Dr. Riley and his wife Brenda have two sons, Clay and Chad. Dr. Clay Riley is an orthopedic surgeon in Galveston, Texas; his wife Dr. Lana Riley is a pharmacist. Dr. Chad Riley is pharmacist-in-charge at East End Pharmacy and

his wife Dr. Stacy Riley is a pharmacist at Cornerstone Pharmacy in Little Rock.

The Arkansas Pharmacists Association, founded in 1882, is the statewide professional association representing approximately 2,200 pharmacists in Arkansas. APA strives to further the professional advancement of pharmacists, advocate the value of pharmacy, and safeguard the health and well-being of every Arkansan. Its mission is to advance a professional and business environment for Arkansas pharmacists to be successful and fulfilled in serving patients.

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