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News Release

Dr. Lane Ormand Recognized For Lifetime of Work

April 29, 2016, Monroe, NC – Long-time Union County physician and Union County Division of Public Health senior OB/GYN physician Dr. Lane Ormand was presented with a Distinguished Medical Alumni Award from the UNC School of Medicine on April 15 in Chapel Hill.

For each of the past 60 years, the UNC School of Medicine has celebrated exemplary alumni and faculty with its Distinguished Alumni Awards. These awards were established in 1955 to recognize those who had made an important contribution to the establishment and early growth of the four-year medical school at UNC.

Dr. Ormand graduated from the UNC School of Medicine in 1958. Early in his career, Ormand served his country, working for two years as an OB/GYN at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia. He established his solo OB/GYN practice in Monroe in 1962. Since then, he has been a fixture of the community, displaying an unwavering commitment of improving the health of generations of patients. Over the course of his more than 50 years in practice, Dr. Ormand has delivered a sizable percentage of the babies born in Union County.

Dr. Ormand was Union County's first board certified OB/GYN specialist. He has dedicated his career to expanding the women's health service available in the community. He was instrumental in the creation of the Union County Division of Public Health's High Risk Maternity Clinic. Over the course of his career in private practice, Ormand covered the Family Planning and Maternity Clinics, including the High Risk Clinic, at the Division of Public Health.

Upon Dr. Ormand's retirement, the Monroe Women's Clinic was renamed in his honor and now serves patients as the Ormand Center for Women. After retiring, he continued working with Public Health when he saw that there was a need for additional physicians.

Randall Williams, MD '85, deputy secretary for Health Services at the NC Department of Health and Human Services, said Ormand is a role model for physician's service in rural and underserved areas. "One of my primary missions is to recruit and advocate for physicians serving in rural areas," Williams said. "I often tell members of the legislature and other leaders across the state that if we could somehow clone Lane Ormand, the world would be a much better place."

In recognition of his exemplary contributions to improving the health of generations and his extraordinary, lifelong commitment to his community, Dr. Ormand received a second recognition at the event, The Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is among the most prestigious awards presented by the Governor of North Carolina. The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is presented to individuals who have a proven record of extraordinary service to the state.

Dr. Ormand has certainly done that.

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