

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Lawrence non-profit to award inaugural KABC Caring Award to Congressman Dennis Moore**

**Lawrence KS. October 13, 2009.** Kansas Advocates for Better Care (KABC) will present the inaugural KABC Caring award to 3<sup>rd</sup> District Congressman Dennis Moore on Sunday, October 18, 2009. The presentation will be made during a benefit event for Kansas Advocates for Better Care. The event will take place at the SpringHill Suites at 6<sup>th</sup> and New Hampshire in Lawrence, KS. In addition to the presentation of the KABC Caring Award, the event lasting from 2 – 5 p.m. will feature music by Johnny I and the Receders and vocalist Janelle Frost. The public is invited to attend but RSVPs are required by October 16<sup>th</sup>, call at 785-842-3088.

The KABC Caring Award recognizes a Kansan who has provided leadership on aging issues and support for the needs of elders and persons with disabilities using long-term care services. Since being elected to represent the 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Congressman Moore has sponsored and supported legislation that would increase access to long-term care services for elder and physically disabled Kansas adults, and provide greater choice about where to receive long-term care services – in one's home, in assisted living or in a nursing home. In addition to legislative support, Congressman Moore has provided leadership to secure government funding for start-up of the American Stroke Foundation – working for stroke prevention, awareness, support and rehabilitation. Congressman Moore secured funding through the Administration on Aging, to create a strategic plan that would identify and respond to the needs of an aging population in Johnson and Wyandotte Counties. Entitled "Community Preparedness for Aging" and crafted by over 200 community professionals and interested parties, the plan identifies critical areas of need and "doable" solutions.

Kansas Advocates for Better Care is a statewide consumer advocacy group with the mission of “Advocating for Quality Long-Term Care” since 1975. KABC assists individuals in identifying appropriate long-term care placements, resolve problems that arise during a long-term care stay, and promotes public policy to create better long-term care options. For more information, please visit the KABC website, [www.kabc.org](http://www.kabc.org) or call us at 785-842-3088 or email at [info@kabc.org](mailto:info@kabc.org).

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