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### **Cleaver Receives 2015 HPNA Presidential Citation**

***Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, D-Missouri, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, was presented the award during the 2015 American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM)/HPNA Annual Assembly in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.***

PITTSBURGH (March 3, 2015) – Rep. Emanuel Cleaver, II, D-Missouri, a United Methodist pastor and a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, is the recipient of the 2015 HPNA Presidential Citation, the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association announced today. Cleaver currently represents Missouri's 5th congressional district, where he has served since 2005. In January 2010, Rep. Cleaver became Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus. He has received five honorary doctoral degrees augmented by a bachelor's degree from Prairie View A&M and a master's degree from St. Paul's School of Theology of Kansas City.

Cleaver has been a strong advocate for patients and their caretakers. In the 113th Congress, he introduced H. 1666, *Patient Centered Quality Care for Life Act*. This legislation seeks to create a patient-centered quality initiative for seriously ill individuals by establishing a national stakeholder strategic summit that includes an interdisciplinary advisory committee. It also forms a quality-of-life education and awareness initiative through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, provides funding for a healthcare workforce training program, and institutes a palliative care-focused research plan to lower cost and improve quality of care for patients with chronic conditions. Cleaver, a native of Texas, is married to the former Dianne Donaldson. They have made Kansas City home for themselves and their four children.

### **About HPNA**

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