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AMA FOUNDATION HONORS CALIFORNIA PHYSICIAN FOR VOLUNTEERISM

[Chicago] – Judith T. Broder, M.D., of Los Angeles, Calif., is a recipient of the 2010 Pride in the Profession Award. Presented by the American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation, in association with Pfizer Inc, the award is part of the Excellence in Medicine Awards program and is presented to physicians who aid underserved populations in the United States.

Dr. Broder will be recognized on Monday, March 1, 2010, at the Excellence in Medicine Awards Ceremony in conjunction with the AMA National Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C. The award recipients are honored for their altruism, compassion, leadership and integrity.

Many people in the military are apprehensive to seek help for issues such as post traumatic stress disorder, depression and family problems through military channels, for fear it could adversely affect their careers. Dr. Broder launched *The Soldiers Project*, offering mental health services for the military and their families. Now, there are 400 licensed therapists participating in the program, and in Southern California alone, over 300 people have consulted therapists. The program has expanded to Seattle, Chicago, New York City, Sacramento and San Diego.

“Dr. Broder has shown, in her work and actions, a genuine concern for the military and their families,” said AMA Foundation President Richard Hovland. “She saw the need to provide free, confidential mental health services to this population, and due to her remarkable efforts, *The Soldiers Project* is expanding throughout the United States.”

The AMA Foundation, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt foundation, is the philanthropic arm of the American Medical Association and is committed to improving the health of Americans through support of quality programs in public health and medical education. Some of the AMA Foundation’s current programs include grant programs for free clinics and healthy lifestyles projects, medical student scholarships and health literacy initiatives. Visit www.amafoundation.org to learn more.

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