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John Gans To Receive The First Ever NCPA Calvin J. Anthony Lifetime Achievement Award

Tampa, FL (Oct. 12, 2008) — American Pharmacists Association (APhA) CEO John A. Gans has been named the first recipient of the Lifetime Academic Achievement Award by the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA). The announcement was made at the association's 110th Annual Convention and Trade Exposition held October 11-15 in Tampa, Florida.

"I've known John for years and he is a true visionary for our profession," said Bruce Roberts, RPh, executive vice president and CEO of NCPA. "His vision in the value of private-sector initiatives like Project Impact and the Asheville project, which was unprecedented at the time and remains ground-breaking today, 12 years later, stands as his legacy and a beacon for community pharmacists everywhere."

"I've dedicated my career to educating and developing new practice roles for pharmacists to equip them with the skills needed to take advantage of opportunities created within the health care delivery system," said Gans. "It is an honor to receive this award from NCPA whom I have collaborated with to achieve the vision for the profession in its pursuit to improve medication use and advance patient care."

Gans is the Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of APhA and is planning to leave in 2009, after 20 years of leading the association. Prior to joining APhA, John was dean of the School of Pharmacy at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, where he earned his pharmacy degree in 1966 and his doctorate in pharmacy in 1969. After beginning his career as a community pharmacist, Dr. Gans served a residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and later became the hospital's Assistant Director of Pharmacy. He is a past president of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. From 1974 to 1985, he served as Managing Director of Pharmaservices, a consultant firm to nursing homes.

Dr. Gans' commitment to the profession of pharmacy reaches beyond proceedings in the United States as demonstrated by his sustained involvement in international pharmacy. He served as Secretary General for the Pan American Federation of Pharmacy from 1991 to 1994 and as its Vice President for North America since 1994. He has been an International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) Council Member since 1989, has served on the Working Group on FIP Public Policy since 1995, and was Vice President to the FIP Bureau from 1998-2006. He was named a Fellow of FIP in 2007.

The Calvin J. Anthony Lifetime Achievement Award honors a lifetime level of contributions to the pharmacy profession in the spirit of collaboration and diplomacy. As the recipient of the

award, Gans received an engraved commemorative plaque and complimentary registration and accommodations for the convention.

The National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA®) represents America's community pharmacists, including the owners of more than 23,000 community pharmacies, pharmacy franchises, and chains. Together they represent an \$84 billion health-care marketplace, employ over 300,000 full-time employees, and dispense nearly half of the nation's retail prescription medicines.

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