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Carter Center's Donald Hopkins, Legendary Disease Eradication Expert, Receives Prestigious 2012 Pumphandle Award

Omaha, NE — Legendary eradication expert Dr. Donald R. Hopkins will receive the prestigious Pumphandle Award today from the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE), honoring his outstanding contributions to applied epidemiology.

“Donald Hopkins is renowned as an eradication expert, and his unwavering commitment to improving the lives of the world’s most disadvantaged people using a data-driven

Dr. Hopkins is The Carter Center's Vice President for Health Programs and the chair of the International Task Force for Disease Eradication, housed at The Carter Center, helping identify potentially eradicable diseases. After heading the successful Smallpox Eradication/Measles Control Program in Sierra Leone early in his career, Dr. Hopkins was an assistant professor of tropical public health at the Harvard School of Public Health. From there he went on to serve as both Deputy Director (1984-1987) and Acting Director (1985) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention capping a distinguished career at the CDC.

CSTE is an organization of member states and territories and represents the perspective of epidemiologists working in state and local government. It is also a professional association of over 1,000 public health epidemiologists working in federal, state, local,