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### **CARTER RECEIVES AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S HIGHEST HONOR**

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX (Sept. 17, 2014) – Representative Heather Carter was honored by the American Cancer Society with its 2014 National Distinguished Advocacy Award Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2014, in Washington, D.C.

The annual award recognizes leaders in the fight against cancer. In particular, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) sought to acknowledge Rep. Carter's work on access to care issues like parity for oral chemotherapy and expanding health coverage under the Arizona Medicaid program.

"I chose this fight not only because it is one I believe we can win...but also because my constituents, my friends, and my family have all battled cancer," said Rep. Heather Carter, R-Cave Creek, in a pre-recorded acceptance speech she delivered to the reception in D.C.

"The task at hand is to beat cancer and to provide patients with the most effective means to do so," said Rep. Carter. "Overarching all of our effort, I believe, should be the desire to find solutions that work regardless of where they come from."

The National Distinguished Advocacy Award is the highest national advocacy honor bestowed upon state and federal lawmakers by ACS CAN, said the organization's Chair of the Board Christy A. Russell in a press release.

Also being honored with the National Distinguished Advocacy Award were U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH), U.S. Rep. Spencer Bachus (R-AL) and Rep. Matt Lori (R-MI).

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