

THE HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA TODD

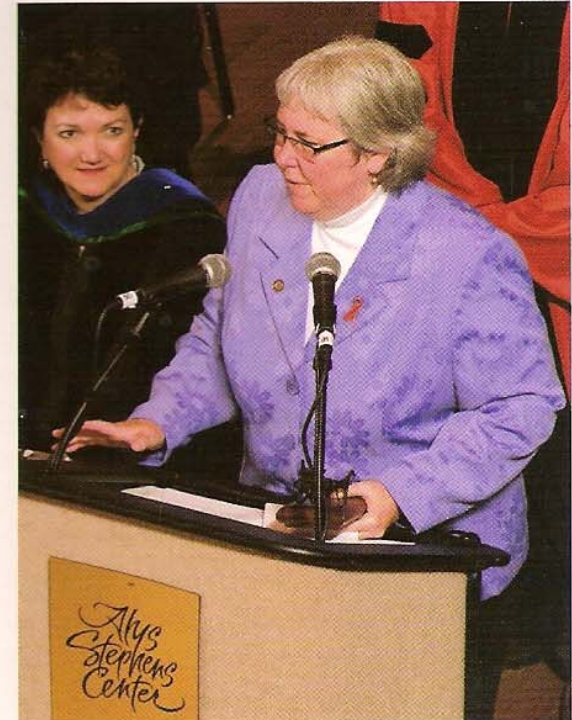
Named First Recipient of the Lou Wooster Public Health Hero Award

PATRICIA TODD, M.P.A., who represents Jefferson County's District 54 in the Alabama House of Representatives, has been named the first recipient of the Lou Wooster Public Health Hero Award by the School of Public Health. The school's advisory board, the Broad Street Committee, suggested that the annual public health award be named for Wooster, a 19th-century madam who cared for victims of Birmingham's 1873 cholera epidemic in her downtown brothel.

Todd accepted the award at a luncheon ceremony in June. "Lou Wooster's courageous and selfless actions in the face of disease and poverty remain the hallmark against which we are each measured and called—to place others who suffer ahead of our own interests irrespective of social norms, cultural biases, economic

station, or discrimination of any kind," Todd said in accepting the award. "We can do better for our communities, and we must.

"I believe by honoring Lou Wooster we not only recognize this hero's remarkable contributions, but we also confirm that we are still faced with extraordinary public health issues today, at every turn, that demand our careful and comprehensive action and investment, both personally and collectively. In accepting this award, I do so undeservedly, but with great honor as a testament to the countless public health heroes in our midst who tirelessly give of themselves for the well-being of the community. I look forward to joining with them in continuing the struggles before us on the road to healing and wholeness for all."



Representative Patricia Todd