FRANCES B. KENNAMER
ALABAMA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME
CLASS OF 2010 INDUCTEE

Frances has served faithfully on the governing board of both the Alabama Public Health Association (having progressed through the chairs of office of the presidency) and the American Public Health Association. Her leadership skills have been demonstrated by the positions of leadership to which she was assigned in her capacity at the state health department as well. She has also served in an advisory capacity at the South Central Public Health Training Center and the South Central Center for Public Health Preparedness. Her contributions as an Expert Liaison to the National Public Health Performance Standards as well as to the Public Health Accreditation Board speak volumes to her leadership competence.

During her employment with the Alabama Department of Public Health, Frances was tireless in her efforts to recruit new members to AIPHA. The sustained success and continued growth of AIPHA was paramount to Frances. She was always more than willing to assist with securing speakers for AIPHA’s Annual Education Conference, setting up meeting rooms, stuffing conference bags, and doing whatever needed to be done to make the conference a success.

Frances played a major role in AIPHA’s financial improvement over the past couple of years by routing the Alabama Department of Public Health’s TEAM Academy through AIPHA. This was very beneficial to AIPHA to help improve the organization’s financial standing. AIPHA currently is very sound financially thanks in part to Frances.

Frances was also one of the solid rocks upon which the Alabama Public Health Association was grounded. She is most deserving of AIPHA Hall of Fame recognition. She has served numerous offices including the presidency. For many years she was the delegate to the American Public Health Association. She remained active on the Board and was instrumental in many sound changes to the organization as it matured.

Her contributions to the practice of public health are many. Her good mind and work ethic continue to contribute to the betterment of public health practice in her new role as Director of Public Health Programs with the UAB School of Public Health. Her contributions are many and she will long be remembered as a guiding force to make life better for all Alabamians.

One admirable attribute observed by all her co-workers was the positive, cheerful attitude she approached each job with on a daily basis. She portrayed a team spirit and readily accepted leadership or willingly performed activities under direction. She was always conscious of time lines and completed work projects while providing support to teammates in completing their assignments.