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## **Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute Honors Texas Tech Chancellor Kent Hance**

Texas Tech University System Chancellor Kent Hance received the 2011 Luminary Award from the Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute (THBI) recognizing his dedication to the life sciences industry at the fourth annual THBI Luminary Dinner in Austin. State Senator Robert Duncan (Lubbock) introduced Chancellor Hance.

THBI is the leading voice of the Texas life science industry with the mission to research, develop and advocate policies that promote biomedical science, biotechnology, agriculture and medical device innovation in Texas.

Chancellor Hance, a native of Dimmitt, Texas and former Chairman of the Texas Railroad Commissioner, Texas Senator and U.S. Congressman, has been critical to the success of the biotechnology and life science industries in Texas. As chancellor, Hance was chosen for his efforts to lead an organization which fosters medical advancements through research and innovation and benefits the state's economy through job creation. Hance is the chief executive officer of all campuses and academic sites of Texas Tech University, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and Angelo State University. He is focusing his energies on continuing quality enrollment growth, enhancing research in areas of excellence and accentuating the programs and opportunities that prepare students for professional and personal success.

Hance is known by many as a true leader. Throughout the years, he has achieved significant accomplishments and received notable recognitions. Hance was named as an Outstanding Professor by Texas Tech University in 1973 as a professor of business law. Hance was also recognized and presented with a Distinguished Alumni Award from the Texas Tech Alumni Association in 1985. In spring 2009, Hance received the John F. Lott Distinguished Citizen Award from the South Plains Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Recently, Hance was honored with the 2009-2010 Outstanding Texas State Leader Award at the Annual Texas Leadership Forum, presented by the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute. In April 2010, Hance received the Hope Award from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society West Texas Chapter. He received a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University and a law degree from the University of Texas.

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The 2011 Luminary Dinner was attended by members of the Legislature, higher education leaders from across the state, and life science and health care industry leaders.

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**About Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute**

The Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute (THBI) is the leading voice of the Texas Healthcare Bioscience Industry and the only provider of statewide resources to their members and the industry. With a focus on lobbying and advocacy as well as industry vitalization, THBI works with government and industry leaders to recruit the life sciences to Texas and to promote effective government legislation on behalf of the industry at the state and federal level.

THBI is composed of biotechnology, medical device, and pharmaceutical companies, universities and private research institutions and companies that provide goods and services to core organizations.

The THBI significantly improves broad understanding, support and interest in biomedical research and manufacturing. THBI is an effective voice for the expanding biomedical community in Texas.