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TEXAS HEALTHCARE AND BIOSCIENCE INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES LUMINARY AWARD HONOREES

AUSTIN, TX - October 20, 2021 - The Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute (THBI) has announced the annual Luminary Awards will be given to U.S. Congressman Dan Crenshaw, Texas State Senator Lois Kolkhorst, and Texas State Representative Toni Rose. The awards will be presented at the THBI Annual Luminary Dinner on the evening of November 9, 2021, at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel.

The THBI Luminary Dinner will be part of the THBI Fall Policy Summit, presented by Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA). The annual events bring together industry executives to highlight the world-class innovation taking place around the state and to educate policy leaders. Each year, Luminary Awards are presented to individuals who have had an impact on the life sciences community through policy, advocacy, and research to better the lives for Texas patients.

"This year has seen legislative initiatives that create critical ramifications for the life sciences, at a national and state level. Policy can stifle or foster innovation, directly impacting the patient community. We look forward to recognizing the champions who worked to ensure that the healthcare community continued to thrive and that the wellbeing of patients was kept a priority," said THBI President and CEO, Tom Kowalski.

The Summit will be a half day conference with conversations centered around "What it takes to create life-saving innovations and how the price the patient pays at the counter is determined", and "How patients are benefiting from the innovations of genomic and personalized diagnostics and therapies, their value, policy implications, and alternative payment models."

The Summit and Luminary Dinner will also be a celebration of THBI's 25th anniversary. Event sponsors include Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO), Bristol Myers Squibb, Merck, Novartis, and PhRMA. The events are THBI's largest fundraiser each year raising funds to advocate for the Texas life sciences industry and to educate policy makers at a state and federal level on the importance of protecting patient access and innovation. Register to attend, view full event agenda or learn more about becoming a sponsor at <https://www.thbi.com/2021-fall-policy-summit>.

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About THBI

The Texas Healthcare & Bioscience Institute (THBI) is the Texas policy voice for healthcare and bioscience and the only provider of statewide resources to its members and the industry. With a focus on using advocacy as a tool to create a more favorable environment for the life sciences, THBI works with government and industry leaders to attract new participants in the life sciences to Texas and to promote effective government legislation on behalf of the industry. The Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute is a nonprofit 501(c)(6) organization.

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