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TEXAS HEALTHCARE AND BIOSCIENCE INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES LUMINARY AWARD RECIPIENTS

AUSTIN, TX - The Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute (THBI) will host its annual Fall Policy Summit and Luminary Awards Dinner Wednesday, October 25 at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel in downtown Austin. The theme of this year's event is "The Future of Healthcare is Now".

Each year, THBI's membership nominates individuals who have had an impact on the life science and biotech community through policy, advocacy, and research. This year, the membership has selected Texas State Senator Royce West, Texas State Representative Angie Chen Button and Wayne Roberts, CEO of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute (CPRIT) to receive the organization's highest honors.

During the 88th Texas Legislative Session, Senator West and Representative Button worked with THBI to develop House Bill 2466, creating the Texas Technology and Innovation Program. This program would have provided matching grants to Texas-based companies who receive and complete a federal SBIR or STTR grant. The bill did not pass but the efforts of Senator West and Representative Button demonstrate their dedication to furthering the growth of the industry by championing policy that supports life science companies and fosters innovation by creating more opportunities for treatments and therapies to be developed.

Wayne Roberts will be recognized for his hard work and dedication to fostering innovations for potential medical breakthroughs in prevention and cures, and championing cancer research in Texas. As the CEO of CPRIT for over 10 years, Mr. Roberts leads the largest state cancer research investment in the history of the United States and the second largest cancer research and prevention program in the world. CPRIT is now a \$6 billion, 20-year initiative and has transformed the life science industry in Texas.

Prior to the Awards Dinner, the Fall Policy Summit will be a half-day conference with panel discussions highlighting the innovative science being produced in Texas, the latest on groundbreaking medicine, and how Texas' policy makers can support policies that expand and protect patient access to innovation and improve health and health programs.

The Fall Policy Summit and Luminary Awards Dinner sponsors include Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO), Bristol Myers Squibb, Eli Lilly, Genentech, Lyda Hill Philanthropies, Merck, Novartis and Texas State University. To view the full event agenda, and to register to attend, visit thbi.com/2023summit.

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About THBI

The Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute (THBI) is the state's trade association for healthcare and bioscience and the only provider of statewide resources to its members and the industry. Our membership consists of biopharmaceutical companies, research institutions, medical device companies, economic development entities and service companies. THBI's membership structure is designed to represent the needs and interests of entities working across the entire life science spectrum, both large and small, to effectively address the public policy needs of Texas' growing life sciences community. The Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute is a nonprofit 501(c)(6) organization.

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