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THBI ANNOUNCES NOBEL PRIZE WINNER DR. JIM ALLISON AS 2019 LUMINARY AWARD HONOREE

AUSTIN, TX – January 2, 2019 - The Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute (THBI) has announced that Nobel Prize winner James (Jim) Allison, Ph.D., of the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center will be a recipient of the 2019 Luminary Awards. The awards will be presented at the THBI Annual Luminary Dinner on the evening of February 11, 2019 at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel. Other honorees will be announced in the upcoming weeks.

The Luminary Awards are presented to legislators, elected officials, and advocates who have made a substantial impact on the life sciences community and for their dedication to bettering the lives of Texas patients. Dr. Allison’s contributions include the discovery of checkpoint blockade therapy, a method of cancer treatment that “unleashes the brakes” of the immune system to fight even the most advanced cases of cancer. Allison came to Texas as a CPRIT grantee, which continues to highlight Texas as a world class leader in innovation.

“Curing cancer remains one of the most challenging frontiers in the life science industry. Today we recognize an honoree whose tireless work has given hope to many and opened the doors to new possibilities,” said THBI President and CEO, Tom Kowalski. “We are honored to celebrate the work of Dr. Jim Allison and thank him for his dedication to cancer research.”

The THBI Luminary Award dinner will be part of the sixth annual THBI Summit. The event is hosted at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel on February 11 and will be followed by Life Science Capitol Day on February 12. The Summit is THBI’s largest fundraiser each year, providing educational discussions to inform industry leaders, legislators, and staff on issues affecting the life science industry. More information can be found here: <https://www.thbi.com/events/summit-and-luminary-dinner>.

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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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