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**TEXAS HEALTHCARE AND BIOSCIENCE INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES LUMINARY AWARD HONOREE
REPRESENTATIVE JOHN ZERWAS, M.D.**

AUSTIN, TX – January 16, 2019 - The Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute (THBI) has announced the second round of honorees for the Annual Luminary Awards. The award will be given to State Representative John Zerwas, M.D. for his encompassing dedication to the healthcare industry. The award will be presented at the THBI Annual Luminary Dinner on the evening of February 11th, at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel.

The Luminary Award Dinner will follow the THBI Summit. 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.

“Last session was a divisive year for the life sciences industry. Today we recognize our honorees who ensured that the healthcare community continued to thrive and that the wellbeing of patients was kept a priority,” said THBI President and CEO, Tom Kowalski. “We are honored to work with Representative Zerwas and thank him for his dedication to the industry.”

THBI has previously announced Nobel Prize winner James (Jim) Allison, Ph.D., of the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and Debra Miller, Founder and CEO of CureDuchenne, and an outstanding patient advocate, will receive a 2019 Luminary Award.

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 11th. The Summit is THBI’s largest fundraiser each year raising funds to advocate for the Texas life science industry now. 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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