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THBI ANNOUNCES STATE SENATOR KIRK WATSON AS 2019 LUMINARY AWARD HONOREE

AUSTIN, TX – January 29, 2019 - The Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute (THBI) has announced that State Senator Kirk Watson (D-Austin) 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.

The Luminary Awards are presented to legislators, industry leaders, and advocates who have made a substantial impact on the life sciences community through their dedication to bettering the lives of Texas patients. Senator Watson has been a health care champion during his time in the Texas Legislature and an outstanding advocate for patients.

“At a time when support for the life sciences industry from our state legislature is crucial, elected officials like Senator Watson are prioritizing the health and welfare of millions of Texans,” said THBI President and CEO, Tom Kowalski. “We are honored to celebrate Senator Kirk Watson and thank him for his work.”

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>.

PhRMA is the presenting sponsor of the THBI Summit & Luminary Dinner. THBI would also like to thank Johnson & Johnson, Novartis, Merck, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Pfizer, Texas State University, Amgen, VWR, Genentech, Lexicon Pharmaceuticals, UT Health San Antonio, ACC AC2 Bio-Link, UT Health Houston, and Aravive for their sponsorship.

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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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