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North Houston Association's Awards Presented

Houston, Texas (May 21, 2008) The North Houston Association (NHA) presented the awards for year 2007 to recipients who were recognized at the Annual Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, May 20, 2008. **City of Houston Mayor Bill White and Controller Annise Parker** were speakers at the event.

The following presentations were made: North Star Award to **State Senator Tommy Williams, District 4**; Compass Award to **Joe Adams, Vice President of Public Affairs for Union Pacific Railroad Company**; and Environmental Impact Award to **Land Tejas Companies, accepted by company president Patrick Bullard**.

The **North Star Award** is presented to an individual or company in north Houston that has made a long-term, significant contribution to the region. The award was presented by **former Senator and NHA president Jon Lindsay** to **State Senator Tommy Williams, District 4**. **Mayor Bill White** made accompanying remarks along with Senator Williams. Our Board felt that Senator Williams was qualified for this award based on his years of work and resulting legislation enabling creation of The Woodlands Township. He obtained approval through the State Legislature for a piece of history-making legislation that would allow Town Center Improvement District and the City of Houston to enter into a regional participation agreement, thereby ensuring that The Woodlands would not be annexed and allowing the citizens to determine their future governance.

The **Compass Award** is bestowed on an individual who is a member of the North Houston Association, and has made a significant contribution to the area and to the programs and projects of the Association. The award was presented by **NHA Chairman Roy Hearnberger, with The Hearnberger Company, to Joe Adams, Vice President of Public Affairs for Union Pacific Railroad Company.** Our Board felt that Mr. Adams was qualified for this award because of his outstanding leadership to NHA as the Chairman of the Board from 2002-2006. Additionally, he has participated for many years on various NHA committees and provided updates to NHA membership on freight rail issues and commuter rail possibilities for the Houston region.

The **Environmental Impact Award** recognizes a company or entity for its efforts in preserving and protecting the environment in north Houston or south Montgomery County. **Mark Froehlich, with Brown & Gay Engineers and NHA Board member,** presented **Land Tejas Companies** the Environmental Impact Award for the “Discovery at Spring Trails” green development. **Patrick Bullard, President of Land Tejas Companies,** accepted the award.

The North Houston Association is a non-profit organization that identifies, advocates and supports projects and initiatives which advance the business environment and improve the quality of life in north Harris and south Montgomery counties.

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PHOTOS (attached):

No. Houston Assoc. Awards Group. Jpg: (I-r): North Houston Association Awards Luncheon: Paula Lenz, North Houston Association Executive Director; Roy Hearnberger, The Hearnberger Company and NHA Chairman; Jon Lindsay, NHA president; Annise Parker, Controller for City of Houston; State Senator Tommy Williams, District 4 (North Star Award); Joe Adams, Union Pacific Railroad (Compass Award); Patrick Bullard, Land Tejas Companies (Environmental Impact Award).

No. Houston Assoc. North Star Award. Jpg: (I-r) NHA North Star Award presented to State Senator Tommy Williams, District 4; shown with Mayor Bill White, and Jon Lindsay, NHA president.

No. Houston Assoc. Compass Award.jpg: (I-r) NHA Compass Award presented to Joe Adams, Union Pacific Railroad; presented by Roy Hearnberger, NHA Chairman of the Board.

No. Houston Assoc. Env Imp Award.jpg: (I-r) NHA Environmental Impact Award presented to Patrick Bullard, Land Tejas Companies; presented by Mark Froehlich, NHA Board Member.

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