

Master List of Awards

Senator Judith Zaffirini

2003

Distinguished Alumna, The University of Texas at Austin

Legislative Star, Texas Classroom Teachers Association

Legislative Excellence Award, Texas Municipal Police Association

Legislator of the Year, Texas Pediatric Society

Mover and Shaker of the 78th Legislative Session, Associated Press (article by Connie Mabin)

Hardest Working Legislator and a Top Role Player, *Capitol Inside*

Top Five Legislators in the Texas Senate, *Gallery Watch* (Five senators and five representatives were honored.)

Public Servant of the Year, Coalition of Texans With Disabilities, September, 2003

Legislative Award, Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas (CLEAT)

Legislative Standouts: Those who impressed, Dallas Morning News

Legislative Excellence Award, in recognition of long standing efforts to address the concerns of the disability constituency through effective public policy, State Independent Living Council

Honorable Mention, 10 Best Legislators, *Texas Monthly* magazine

Order of Los Dos Laredos Award, Laredo Chamber of Commerce, September, 2003

Shining Star, Laredo Community College Honors Program

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Youth Advocacy Award, for promoting and strengthening youth and family services in Texas, Texas Network of Youth Services

Angel of the Week (April 25), Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston

El Sol Award, Ninth Annual South Texas Family Support Conference

Presidential Award for Excellence in Leadership, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Honorary Colonel of Fort Inge, Texas, Uvalde County Commissioners Court

John F. Kennedy Leadership Award, Bexar County Democratic Party

First Place, Public Relations Printed Materials, Newsletter, One-to-Three Color, *Senator Judith Zaffirini Reports to the Families of District 21*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest

First Place, Speeches, *Gary G. Jacobs, Mr. South Texas*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest

Best of Texas Certificate of Merit, Speeches, *Gary G. Jacobs, Mr. South Texas*, Texas Public Relations Association Communication Contest

Appreciation Plaque, in recognition of outstanding contributions and achievements in bilingual education that benefitted and enriched the education and lives of all children in Texas, Region One Education Service Center

Appreciation Certificate, for serving as an outstanding Hispanic female role model, Thomas Jefferson Intermediate School Hispanic Mother/Daughter Program

Appreciation Plaque, efforts on behalf of Texas Pediatricians and all Texas Children during the 78th Legislative Session, Texas Pediatric Society

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Who's Who of American Women

Who's Who in America

Who's Who of Professionals

National Register's Who's Who In Executives and Professionals

Strathmore's Who's Who

2002

Champion for Children, for hard work and tireless efforts as a member of the Senate Finance Committee and a key member on the Medicaid Work Group to ensure adequate funding for Medicaid and CHIP programs, AMERIGROUP Foundation

Leadership Award, in recognition of authoring and passing Senate Bill 43, Medicaid simplification, and for continuing leadership on behalf of the children in Texas, Christus Santa Rosa Children's Hospital, San Antonio

Legislative Champion, Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas (ICUT)

Outstanding Leadership Award, Retos (Challenges) of Mexico, for role in hosting 50 adults with disabilities from Mexico for an all-expense paid weekend of activities in Laredo, El Instituto de Atención Integral al Discapacitado Retos

United Hearts of Texas Award, American Heart Association, Laredo Chapter

Public Servant of the Year, for generous support and community spirit, SA Celebrates the American Disabilities Act

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Leadership Award, for years of leadership and for passing Senate Bill 1527, creating TOP, Texas Office for Prevention of Developmental Disabilities (TOP), April, 2002

Frank J. Tejada Award, in appreciation for outstanding public service for significant contributions and services provided to Texas on behalf of public school children and educational employees, Texas State Teachers Association

Patiente Protectorae Award, Texas Medical Association's TEXPAC

Tribute Award for Legislative Leadership in Disability Policy, United Cerebral Palsy of Texas

Presidents' Award for Excellence in Higher Education, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and Texas A&M International University

Legislative Leadership Award, Laredo Chamber of Commerce

First Place, Public Relations Printed Materials, Manuals and Handbooks, *City of Laredo Protocol Handbook*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest

Second Place, News or Feature Release, Single Release–News, *Zaffirini casts 25,000th consecutive vote in Texas Senate*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest

Third Place, Public Relations Printed Materials, Newsletter, One-to-Three Color, *Senator Zaffirini Reports to the Families of District 21*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest

Best of Texas Certificate of Merit, Newsletters, External, 1-3 colors, *Senator Zaffirini Reports to the Families of District 21*, Texas Public Relations Association

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Appreciation Award, for outstanding support and assistance to the Crime Stoppers concept of continuing efforts to combat crime and maintain a safe community, Laredo Crime Stoppers, June, 2002

Appreciation Plaque, Grand Marshal and Speaker, Fourth of July Parade, Live Oak Lions Club

Appreciation Plaque, in recognition of support for the Metrocom area, Randolph Metrocom Chamber of Commerce

Appreciation Plaque, in grateful recognition of generous contribution to prosecutors and the State of Texas, 77th Legislative Session, 2001, Texas District and County Attorneys Association

Appreciation Plaque, in appreciation of dedication to libraries throughout Texas, especially to those in South Texas and of keynote speech at the Annual Conference, District 4, Texas Library Association

Appreciation Certificate, Texas Child Fatality Review Team

Appreciation Certificate, for leadership in Texas education and for being the Graduation Speaker, Center for Mexican American Studies of The University of Texas at Austin

Appreciation Certificate, in appreciation of the contributions made in the development of the Rural Community Health System, Rural Community Health System of Texas

Who's Who in America

Who's Who of American Women

Who's Who in the South and Southwest

America's Registry of Outstanding Professionals

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10 Best Legislators, *Texas Monthly* magazine

Senator Judith Zaffirini Medal, presented annually by Texas A&M International University to a Student and Faculty Member for Distinguished Scholarship and Leadership

Legislator of the Year, American Diabetes Association

The Best of the Legislature, *Hispanic Journal* magazine

Senate Advocacy Award, Texas LULAC

Leadership for Libraries Award, Texas Library Association

Legislative Star, Texas Classroom Teachers Association

Distinguished Public Service as a Friend of Languages, Texas Foreign Language Association

Legislator of the Year, Texas State Foster Parents

Texas All Star, Texas State Technical College System

Leadership and Support Award, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Leadership Appreciation Award, Border Region Community MHMR

Appreciation Certificate, League of Women Voters of Texas

Legislative Leadership Award, Texans Against Sexual Assault

Pioneer Award, for being a visionary, pioneer, and leader in the fight

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against domestic violence, Webb County Domestic Violence Coalition

First Place, Speeches, *If Judy Pappas can do it, ANYBODY can!*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest

Second Place (nationally), Speeches, *If Judy Pappas can do it, ANYBODY can!*, National Federation of Press Women

First Place, Public Relations Printed Materials, Newsletter, One-to-Three Color, *Senator Zaffirini Reports to the Families of District 21*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest

First Place, Newspaper, Trade Paper or Magazine, Black and White Display, *Re-elect Judith Zaffirini*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest

Second Place, News or Feature Release, *Census 2000 to Reflect District's Changing Demographics*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest

Appreciation Plaque, in recognition of support and dedication to the San Antonio Tourism Industry and for continued advocacy on behalf of more than 78,000 San Antonio employees, Greater San Antonio Hotel/Motel Assn. and the San Antonio Area Tourism Council

Appreciation Plaque, in recognition of longstanding commitment and leadership in the fight to end drunk driving in the State of Texas, the Century Council

Appreciation Plaque, for unselfish dedication and untiring efforts in addressing the varied needs of Senatorial District 21; for outstanding leadership and record of achievement as Texas State Senator; and for special friendship, support, and promotion of the goals of the South Texas Media, Guerra Communications and Judge Danny Valdez

Appreciation Plaque, in recognition of perseverance and continuing support on behalf of the City of Laredo, Laredo City Council

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Appreciation Plaque, for support throughout the 77th Legislative Session, Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Appreciation Plaque, for being instrumental in the funding and awareness of 211 Texas, United Ways of Texas

Appreciation Certificate, Texas Chapters of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Appreciation Certificate, for outstanding effort in support of research and education to conquer heart disease and stroke, American Heart Association, South Texas Border Region 14

Appreciation Certificate, Bexar County Medical Society

Certificate of Recognition, for outstanding support of “Head of the Class” and “Youth of the Month” programs, U.S. Border Patrol, Laredo Sector

Who's Who in American Politics

Who's Who of American Women

Who's Who in the Southwest

Appreciation Plaque, Zapata High School.

2000

Laureate, 2000 Business Hall of Fame, Junior Achievement of Laredo, for accomplishments as a businesswoman (Owner, Zaffirini Communications)

Senator Judith Zaffirini Road, namesake road at Laredo International State Park, Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife

Friend of Education, for uncompromising efforts on behalf of the children,

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**public school employees, parents, and taxpayers in our seven-county area,
Region One Education Service Center Superintendents
Government Honoree, A Salute to Latina Women in Action, La Prensa
Foundation, San Antonio**

**Abrecaminos 2000 Calendar, Women Advancing Women, Texas A&M
International University, Laredo**

Ambassador for Education, Cigarroa High School, Laredo

**First Place, Speeches, Dedication Speech at the naming of the Senator Judith
Zaffirini Elementary School, Texas Professional Communicators Communication
Contest**

**Second Place, Public Relations Printed Materials, Newsletter, One-to-Three Color,
Senator Judith Zaffirini Reports to the Families of District 21, Texas Professional
Communicators Communication Contest**

**Third Place, News Releases–Single Releases, Texas Professional Communicators
Communication Contest**

**Appreciation Award, for dedication and commitment to the protection of
animals, the Laredo Animal Protective Society, Laredo**

**Appreciation Plaque, in recognition and deep appreciation for outstanding
dedication to the needs of students, teachers, and education in general,
Texas Classroom Teachers Association**

**Appreciation Plaque, for outstanding leadership and visionary endeavors to
enhance the educational advancement of the Rio Grande Valley and for
considerable contributions to the college's continued success, South Texas
Community College Board of Trustees, President, Faculty, Staff, and
Students**

**Appreciation Plaque, with deep appreciation for and in grateful recognition
of unselfish dedication to providing services for the residents of the
colonias, Webb County Community Resource Centers**

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Appreciation Plaque, for being instrumental in bringing the CIS Program to Laredo and for continued support, Communities in Schools

1999

Senator Judith Zaffirini Elementary School, namesake building, United Independent School District

Judith Zaffirini Center in Edinburg, namesake program for rehabilitating women who abused drugs, for anti-drug abuse leadership, Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans, Edinburg

Mr. South Texas, Washington's Birthday Celebration Association, Laredo

Texas Women of the Century, Women's Chamber of Commerce of Texas

State of Israel Millennium Award

Pioneer Award, National Osteoporosis Foundation

¡Adelante! U.S. Education Leadership Fund

True Grit Award, or remarkable courage, perseverance, and true grit in being willing to endure the toughest tests of resolve during the legislative tobacco wars of the 1990s, American Cancer Society, Texas Division Board of Directors

Leadership Award, in recognition and appreciation of contributions to the Hispanic Community, Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce (TAMACC)

Honorary President of the República del Rio Grande, City of Laredo

25-Year Member Recognition, National Federation of Press Women and Texas Press Women (temporarily named Texas Professional

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Communicators)

First Place, Speeches, *From Scholarship to Leadership*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest

Second Place, Public Relations Printed Materials, Newsletter, One-to-Three Color, *Senator Zaffirini Reports to the Families of District 21*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest

Second Place, Single News Release, Media Advisory for *Grand Opening Ceremonies of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's Laredo Office*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest

Honorable Mention, Personal Columns, Informational Government, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest

Bronze Award, Best of Texas, Publications–Other for *20 Dozen Tips For Better Communication and Leadership Skills*, Texas Public Relations Association

**Appreciation Plaque, for outstanding legislative work, City of Laredo
Appreciation Plaque, for exemplary and unfailing dedication to Texas School Counselors, Laredo Border Counselors Association**

Appreciation Plaque, for legislation that Impacted Texas educational systems, their students, and educators, Laredo Federation of Teachers Union

Certificate of Appreciation, for outstanding efforts and significant contributions against HIV/AIDS in the community, the Laredo Health Service Delivery Area HIV/AIDS Services Consortia

Appreciation Plaque, for commitment and dedication to San Antonio and Bexar County during the 76th Texas Legislature, San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Appreciation Plaque, for outstanding leadership and visionary endeavors to

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enhance the educational advancement of the Rio Grande Valley, and her considerable contributions to the College's continued success, South Texas Community College

Appreciation Plaque, Teachers of Laredo

Appreciation Plaque, for outstanding performance and commitment to excellence that is making the difference, the Students' Association, University of Houston

Appreciation Certificate, ¡Adelante! (Forward) Leadership Institute

Appreciation Certificate, for outstanding support and assistance to the Crime Stoppers concept of continuing efforts to combat crime and maintain a safe community, Laredo Crime Stoppers

1998

Paul Harris Fellow, in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world, Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and Gateway Rotary Club, Laredo

John E. Hutchison Extension Visionary, Specialists' Association of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service

Week of the Young Child Award, Laredo Independent School District, Laredo

First Hall of Fame inductee, G&G Basketball Camp of Champs, Laredo

Helen Farabee Leadership Award, in recognition of exemplary leadership in promoting the quality of health care of mothers and babies in Texas, Texas Perinatal Association

LBJ Lifetime Service Award, Texas Democratic Party

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First Place, Personal Columns Specialized: Government, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest

Second Place, Public Relations Printed Materials, Newsletter, One-to-Three Color, *Senator Judith Zaffirini Reports to the Families of District 21*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest

Third Place, News Releases, Single Release, Texas Professional Communicators

Honorable Mention, Speeches, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest

Silver Medal, Best of Texas, Special Event, Governor-for-a-Day Ceremony Texas Public Relations Association

Appreciation Plaque, in recognition and deep appreciation for outstanding service, Help One Student to Succeed (HOSTS) Teachers, United Independent School District

Appreciation Plaque, for leadership and support of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Certificate of Recognition, for helping the people of Laredo, United Way of Laredo

1997

10 Best Legislators, *Texas Monthly* magazine

President Pro Tempore of the Texas Senate, January-May, 1997

Governor of Texas, April 19, 1997 (when governor and lieutenant governor were out of state)

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Legislative Star, Texas Classroom Teachers Association

Legislative Leadership Award, for support of funding for family violence services, Texas Council on Family Violence

Outstanding Legislator, Texas Counseling Association

Texas Medicine's Best Legislator Award, Texas Medical Association

Legislator of the Year, Texas Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)

Legislator of the Year, for outstanding legislative efforts to improve the health of Texans, American Heart Association, Texas Affiliate

Legislative Leadership Award, The Kids at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children

1997 Public Health Advocate, for authoring and passing Senate Bill 55, restricting youth's access to tobacco, American Lung Association of Texas

1997 Legislative Award, South Texas Counseling Association

10 Best Legislators from a Family Lawyer's Perspective, State Bar of Texas

Texas Star, *Dallas Morning News*, June, 1997

Legislator Special Recognition, for significant contributions as a dedicated advocate on behalf of the children and families of the State of Texas, Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards

Award of Excellence, for support and dedication to all Early Childhood Advocates in the South Texas area and the children that they serve, South Texas Educational and Training Coalition

Patient Advocacy Award, for tireless efforts to improve the health of patients in Texas, Texas Academy of Family Physicians

Leadership Award, Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of

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Commerce (TAMACC)

Exemplary Educator, Area VIII, Texas Association of Hispanic School Administrators

Woman of the Year, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Laredo Chapter

Mujeres Que Pueden, (Women Who Can) Texas LULAC

Proclamation, for leadership on behalf of Bexar County and for serving as President Pro Tempore of the Texas Senate during the 75th Legislative Session and as Texas Governor (April 19, 1999), Bexar County Commissioners Court

Bexar County Medical Society Foundation Award for influence in health care, San Antonio

Proclamation designating February 15, 1997, and April 19, 1997, "Senator Judith Zaffirini Day" in Laredo, Mayor Saul Ramirez, City of Laredo

Key to the City of Laredo for many years of continuous dedicated service to the citizens of Laredo and the State of Texas and in recognition for being elected President Pro Tempore of the Texas Senate and Texas Governor (April 19, 1997), Mayor Saul Ramirez, City of Laredo

Top 50 Distinguished Alumni, Laredo Community College
Honorary Student Ambassador, Texas A&M International University

Texas Advocacy Award, San Antonio American Cancer Society award

Recognition Plaque, for an academically distinguished, three time graduate of The University of Texas at Austin and distinguished state senator; for genuine appreciation for unyielding loyalty and dedicated leadership; and for exceptional legislative service on behalf of The University of Texas System, its component institutions and Texas Public Higher Education, October, 1997

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Appreciation Plaque, for outstanding legislative leadership on behalf of patients and physicians, Laredo Medical Group

Appreciation Plaque, in recognition of tireless dedication and outstanding contribution to the development of health educational programs in our region, the Mid Rio Grande Border Allied Health Education Center (AHEC) Board of Trustees

Appreciation Plaque, in recognition of "Legislator in School for a Day," J. W. Nixon High School

Appreciation Plaque and Autographed Football Helmet, for dedicated leadership in support of higher education and continuous commitment to excellence, The University of Texas Board of Regents and Chancellor, April, 1997

Appreciation Plaque, in recognition of support for enhanced educational opportunities for Hispanics and advocacy for all citizens of Texas, Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education (TACHE)

Appreciation Plaque, in grateful appreciation for outstanding cooperation and participation in the Roma Middle School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Roma I.S.D.

Appreciation Plaque, in recognition of lifelong commitment to education and the advancement of the Mexican American community through the establishment of the Downtown Campus of The University of Texas at San Antonio

Appreciation Plaque, for exemplary legislative action protecting and enriching the experience of aging by authoring and passing Senate Bill 190 (1997), reforming Texas nursing homes, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) National Office

Appreciation Plaque, for outstanding continued representation of San Antonio, the Greater San Antonio Builders Association

Appreciation Certificate, for exemplary service in the fight to conquer cancer and save lives, American Cancer Society, Texas Division

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Appreciation Certificate, for invaluable services and cooperation, Floresville Lions Club

Appreciation Certificate, for hard work and dedication to the citizens of Laredo and especially the disabled, Bringing Everyone Special Together (BEST)

Appreciation Certificate, for outstanding efforts in attaining the goal of a new water system, Catarina Water Supply Corporation

1996

Legislator of the Year, Texas Public Health Association

Legislative Excellence Award, Brain Injury Association of Texas

Distinguished Service Award, Children's Trust Fund of Texas

Honoree, Latinas of America, Image de Tejas, 20th Annual State Leadership Conference

Gold Plate Award, in appreciation for supporting independent higher education and Tuition Equalization Grants, Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas

Tejano Achiever, LULAC Council #12, Laredo

Proclamation of Honor, Guadalupe County Judge James E. Sagebiel and Commissioners Court

Proclamation of Honor, Certificate of Recognition, and Key to the City, Mark Stautzenberger, Mayor of Seguin, and Seguin City Council

Appreciation Plaque, for outstanding contributions to the education, health, and welfare of our state, Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC), District 10

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Appreciation Plaque, for continuous support of long-term care services, Retama Manor South Living Center, Laredo

Appreciation Plaque, in grateful appreciation for support of the Tuition Equalization Grant, Texas Lutheran University

Appreciation Plaque, in recognition of outstanding work in tobacco control and health policy during the 74th Texas Legislature, SmokeLess Texas coalition (American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, American Academy of Family Physicians, and the Texas Medical Association)

Appreciation Plaque, for continued dedication and support to the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Army National Guard

Appreciation Plaque and Grand Marshal, Wintergarden Fiesta Parade, City of Dilley

Appreciation Plaque, for help and continuous support to the special children in our community, ECI Parent Support Group, Laredo State Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation

Appreciation Certificate, for dedication and support for the mission of the Children's Trust Fund of Texas, for commitment to the prevention of child abuse and neglect, and for friendship to the Children's Trust Fund of Texas, Children's Trust Fund of Texas Council

Appreciation Certificate, Guadalupe Valley Hospital, Seguin

Appreciation Certificate, for outstanding support and assistance to the Crime Stoppers concept of continuing efforts to combat crime and maintain a safe community, Laredo Crime Stoppers, Laredo

Appreciation Certificate, Laredo Noon Optimist Club, Laredo

Certificate of Lifetime Honorary Membership, in recognition of

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demonstrated support of drug abuse prevention programs in Texas and aid and assistance to these and other drug abuse educational programs, Texas State Chapter, Say No To Drugs Foundation
Certificate of Commendation, Texas Fire Chiefs Association

First Place, Speeches, Manuscript Speech, *Promises to Keep: Commemorating the 25th Anniversary Celebration and Phase I Dedication of Texas A&M International University*, Texas Professional Communicators Communications Contest

First Place, Public Relations Printed Materials, Newsletter, *Senator Judith Zaffirini Reports to the Families of District 21*, Texas Professional Communicators Communications Contest

First Place, Personal Columns, Informational Government, *Effective Communication Essential to Good Representation, New Program Trains Troops to Become Classroom Teachers, and Texans Can Prepare Today for College Tomorrow*, Texas Professional Communicators Communications Contest

1995

People First! Award, for ongoing commitment to supporting and improving health and human services in Texas

Texas Senate Crime Fighters of the Year, Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas

“Lone Stars: These Texas legislators led the pack, single-shot award,”
Dallas Morning News, June 4, 1995

Champion of Safe Kids, National Safe Kids Campaign

Outstanding Pro-Life Legislator, Greater Austin Right to Life Committee

Texas Heroine, for outstanding service in the 74th Legislative Session,

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Texas Transit Association

Outstanding Legislative Leadership Award, Texas Association of Hispanic Firefighters

75 Dynamic Hispanic Leaders of Texas, 1995 Brillante Awards, *Texas Hispanic* magazine

Women's Hall of Fame inductee, City of Laredo Commission for Women

Recognition of Distinguished Career in Journalism and Public Service, South Texas Press Association

Resolution of Appreciation, for dedication and commitment to the ideals and services of the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Appreciation Plaque, for outstanding and dedicated leadership in support of public higher education, The University of Texas System

Appreciation Plaque, for striving to improve our communities and people's lives through education, Alamo Community College District, San Antonio

Appreciation Plaque, for work on behalf of the residents of colonias during the 74th Legislative Session, Border Low Income Housing Coalition

Appreciation Plaque, for personal and significant contribution in making higher education a priority during the 74th Legislative Session, the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce and the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Appreciation Certificate, for dedication to the women of Texas in their fight to reduce osteoporosis, Women's and Children's Hospital, Methodist Healthcare System

Appreciation Certificate, for continued support to the Laredo Sector of the U.S. Border Patrol

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Appreciation Certificate, for loyalty and patriotism to our country, Marine Corps League, Winter Garden Detachment, Crystal City

Appreciation Certificate, for outstanding support and contribution in the development of the Import/Export Training Center, Laredo Community College, Laredo

Certificate of Excellence, for special everlasting contributions toward the fight against hunger in our region, Laredo Regional Food Bank

Certificate for unselfish devotion, time, energy and dedication in making the lives of our residents richer and more enjoyable. Living Centers of America, Retama Manor South, Laredo

Certificate for leadership and dedication to our facility, community, and the state of Texas, Retama Manor West, Laredo

Certificate of Recognition, for helping patients in the diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis through leadership in Senate Bills 60 and 607 by Zaffirini, relating to osteoporosis, American College of Endocrinology

Certificate of Recognition, for dedication and commitment to community service through participation on the Initial Base Adjustment Strategy Committee to direct the redevelopment of Kelly A.F.B., City of San Antonio

Certificate of Recognition, for relentless support and commitment to bring AVANCE to thousands of Texas children and families, AVANCE Family Support and Education Program

Certificate of Collaboration, for support of State Funding for Child Care, Region 19 Head Start Policy Council

1994

Laredoan of the Year, *Laredo Morning Times* (honored key leaders for passing Senate Bill 6 by Zaffirini, creating Texas A&M International University)

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Legislative Excellence Award, for support of Texans with disabilities, Texas Rehabilitation Association

Legislative Excellence Award, for support shown to survivors of Sexual Violence and Rape Crisis Center Advocates, Texas Association Against Sexual Assault

People's Choice Award, Texas Association for Home Care

Red Boot Award, Shots Across Texas, Texas Department of Health

Friend of Business and Outstanding Legislator Award, Texas Chamber of Commerce

Very Important Parent Award, St. Augustine Elementary School, Laredo

Appreciation Plaque, for "The Texas Hospice Act" as incorporated into "The Home Care Community Support Services Act of 1993," Texas Hospice Association

Appreciation Plaque, Southwest Regional Conference on English in the Two-Year College

Appreciation Plaque, for dedicated service representing our hospital district, Maverick County Hospital District Board of Directors, Eagle Pass

Appreciation Plaque, for genuine and invaluable assistance in providing improved health services to the students of the Crystal City Independent School District, CCISD School Board of Trustees, Crystal City

Appreciation Plaque, for boundless efforts toward providing an improved quality of life for Eagle Pass/Maverick County, the Citizens of Eagle Pass/Maverick County

Appreciation Plaque, for outstanding commitment, dedication and exemplary service to ECI programs throughout Texas, Early Childhood Intervention Program, Laredo

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Appreciation Plaque, Laredo Licensed Customs Brokers Association,
Laredo

Appreciation Plaque, Cancer Patient Services, Laredo

Appreciation Plaque, for exceptional and distinguished service in meeting
the needs of the people of our community, LOVED, Laredo

Appreciation Plaque, Project Bridge, Laredo

Appreciation Plaque, for help and support of the "Student-Athlete"
Program, Ed White Middle School, San Antonio, Texas

Appreciation Plaque, for participating in "Stay in School...Graduate" Week,
Ryan Elementary School, Laredo

Appreciation Plaque, Commencement Speaker, Incarnate Word College,
San Antonio

Appreciation Plaque, Commencement Speaker, Dr. Leo G. Cigarroa High
School, Laredo

Appreciation Plaque, for individual talents and concerned dedication so
generously given as the keynote speaker, dedication ceremony, Matias de
Llano Jr. Elementary School, Laredo ISD

Certificate of Recognition, for 20-year membership, Texas Press Women

Certificate of Recognition, Junior-Senior Games 1994, Living Centers of
America, Laredo

1993

Outstanding Legislator, Texas Public Health Association

Legislator of the Year, American Heart Association, Texas Chapter

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Legislator of the Year, Texas Alliance for the Mentally Ill

Friend of Education, for significant contributions to education in Texas,
Texas Classroom Teachers Association

Legislative Excellence Award, Texas Head Injury Association

Legislative Award for work in behalf of abused and neglected children,
Texas Community-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Salute, Attorney General's Office, State of Texas

Distinguished Citizen Award, Aztec District, Gulf Coast Council, Boy Scouts
of America

Meritorious Service Award, for outstanding contributions to equal
education opportunities for Hispanic students, Texas Association of
Chicanos in Higher Education

Appreciation Plaque, for dedicated leadership in support of higher
education, The University of Texas System and Presidents

Appreciation Plaque, for providing leadership and support, The University
of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Appreciation Plaque, "Vivan la Hispanas," Opening Doors To The Future,
Hispanic Women's Network of Texas

Appreciation Plaque, for participation in the 19th annual conference, Texas
Association of Chicanos in Higher Education

Appreciation Plaque, for dedicated and sincere valuable service rendered to
assure new state laws were passed to protect mental health consumers in
the State of Texas, Ahead-Adelante Mental Health Consumers of South
Texas

Appreciation Plaque, for years of dedication and commitment for equitable
education, Graves Elementary School, Eagle Pass

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Appreciation Plaque, for support and contributions to the health of all Texans, Webb-Zapata-Jim Hogg County Medical Society

Appreciation Plaque, for ongoing commitment to long-term care, Retama Manor South, Laredo

Appreciation Certificate, for outstanding service and unprecedented success in bringing more than \$1 billion to working Texas families, Partnership for Hope

Appreciation Certificate, for partnership in providing quality AIDS care and education, AIDS Services of Austin, Austin, Texas

Appreciation Certificate, in recognition of valuable services rendered to the people of San Antonio, Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, San Antonio, Texas

Appreciation Certificate, for outstanding and unselfish contributions to volunteer services, Laredo State Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Laredo

Appreciation Certificate, Retama Manor West, Laredo

Resolution of Appreciation, for support of 1993 State Legislative Program, San Antonio City Council, San Antonio, Texas

Resolution of Appreciation, Laredo City Council, Laredo

Certificate of Recognition, for environmental leadership contributing to a cleaner and safer environment for the citizens of Texas, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

1992

Callan Graham Ethics in Public Service Award, Texas Catholic Conference, for outstanding ethics in public service

Texas State Legislator and Friend of Public Higher Education, Bexar

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County Alumni of State-Supported Schools

Distinguished Graduate Award, for exemplifying the highest qualities of Catholic education and rendering distinguished service to the Catholic Church and the United States of America, Department of Elementary Schools and the National Catholic Education Association

Alumna of the Year, in recognition of personal successes and distinguished service to the community, St. Peter's Memorial School, Laredo

Key to the City, in appreciation for untiring support and commitment to water protection efforts for the citizens of Del Rio and South Texas, City of Del Rio

Star in Literacy, Literacy Volunteers of America, Laredo

Madrina (Godmother), for outstanding efforts and success on behalf of Laredo education in the Texas Senate, J. W. Nixon High School Golden Spurs, Laredo

Good Citizenship Award, National School Celebration, Ryan Elementary School, Laredo, Texas

Important Women in Webb County History, Commerce Bank

Appreciation Plaque, Comerciantes Organizados Mexico Americanos, Lubbock

Appreciation Plaque, Eagle Pass High School National Honor Society, Eagle Pass

Appreciation Plaque, for valuable contribution of time, energy and service, El Paso Commission for Women and the El Paso Women's Hall of Fame, El Paso

Appreciation Plaque, for outstanding service, Health Occupations Students of America, Area I

Appreciation Plaque, for passing resolution on Bill of Responsibilities,

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Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, República del Rio Grande, Laredo

Appreciation Plaque, Laredo Manufacturers Association, Laredo

Appreciation Plaque, for service to the people of Laredo, the Salvation Army, Laredo, Texas

Certificate of Commendation, Women in Communications

Certificate of Recognition, for outstanding contributions to the Laredo Community, Laredo Chamber of Commerce, Vision '92, Laredo

Appreciation Certificate, County Treasurers' Association of Texas

Appreciation Certificate, in recognition of faithful service to education and to the community as a member of the Texas Senate, Crystal City Independent School District, Crystal City

Appreciation Certificate, for outstanding and unselfish volunteer services, Laredo State Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Laredo

Appreciation Certificate, Communities in Schools, Laredo

Appreciation Certificate, Cub Scouts Pack 201, United Day School, Laredo

1991

Distinguished Service Citation, for outstanding contributions to the professional fields of health, physical education, recreation and dance, Texas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance

Statesman Award, for relentless effort during the 72nd Legislative Session to improve the delivery of services to the hearing impaired, Texas Hearing Aid Association

Mother's Day Award, for outstanding contributions and exemplary support of health programs for Texas mothers and children, Texas Department of Health

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Resolution of Appreciation, for Senate Resolution during the 72nd Legislative Session honoring the work of women in higher education, Texas Faculty Association Women's Caucus

Appreciation Plaque, Laredo State University, Laredo
Appreciation Plaque, for role in ending violence in the State of Texas during the 72nd Legislative Session, Texas Association Against Sexual Assault

Appreciation Plaque, for support of issues impacting families, Texas Extension Homemakers Association

Appreciation Plaque, for dedicated service, Zapata Independent School District, Zapata, Texas

Certificate of Merit, for outstanding accomplishments in support of education, Kitty Hawk Junior High School, Randolph A.F.B., Texas

Certificate of Recognition, for outstanding contribution to the Laredo Community, Laredo Chamber of Commerce, Vision '91, Laredo

Appreciation Certificate, Laredo Crime Stoppers, Inc., Laredo

Appreciation Certificate, for community program support, Paisano Girl Scout Council, District I, Laredo

1990

Texas Heroine, for leadership and support for issues important to the membership, Texas Chamber of Commerce

Top Gun Legislative Award, for outstanding efforts on behalf of Texas peace officers, Combined Law Enforcement Agencies of Texas

George Washington Honor Medal of Excellence, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

Honorary Bailiff, 150th Judicial District Court, Bexar County, Texas

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Friend of Extension Home Economists, Texas Association of Extension Home Economists

Very Important Parent Award, for faithful and devoted service, United Day School, Laredo

Appreciation Plaque, for outstanding service and contributions to the community, Parade Marshal, Roma Fest 1990, Roma Chamber of Commerce, Roma

Appreciation Plaque, Gold Star Parents (of military heroes killed in war), Laredo

Appreciation Plaque, for dynamic and productive leadership in service to the military and the community of Laredo for securing the Texas Army National Guard Armory, Laredo Chamber of Commerce, Laredo

Appreciation Plaque, for dedicated public service and support, Transit Management Company of Laredo (El Metro)

Appreciation Plaque, for continuous support, Laredo Junior College, Laredo

Resolution of Appreciation, for expanding educational opportunities, Laredo Junior College Board of Trustees, Laredo

Certificate of Recognition, for support for Laredo's economic growth, Laredo Development Foundation, Laredo

Appreciation Certificate, for generous and outstanding service, March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, South Central Texas Chapter

Appreciation Certificate, for valued services rendered to the people of San Antonio, Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, San Antonio, Texas

Appreciation Certificate South Texas Vo-Tech, Laredo

Appreciation Certificate, for support of the future of long-term care for the

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elderly and disabled, Texas Health Care Association, Autumn Winds Retirement Home, Schertz

Appreciation Certificate, for support of the future of long-term care for the elderly and disabled, Texas Health Care Association, Retama Manor, Rio Grande City

Appreciation Certificate, for support to the Security Police Academy, Lackland Air Force Base, United States Air Force

1989

(Executive of the Year, College of Business Administration): Ejecutivo del Año 1988, El Colegio de Licenciados en Administración de Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico

"100 Influentials," *Hispanic Business* magazine

Outstanding Service Award, Texas Industrial Vocational Association

Distinguished Service Award, Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas

Distinguished Service Award, Laredo State University, Laredo

Distinguished Alumni Award, St. Peter's Memorial School, Laredo

Resolution of Commendation, for passing legislation that would permit the merger of Corpus Christi State University, Laredo State University, and Texas A&I University into the Texas A&M University System, University System of South Texas Board of Directors

Appreciation Plaque, for dedication to the goal of making Texas highways safer during the 71st Legislative Session, Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Appreciation Plaque, for invaluable assistance in the legislative program and activities during the 71st Legislative Session, State Bar of Texas

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Appreciation Plaque, for contributions to the State of Texas, Texas General Land Office

Appreciation Plaque, outstanding volunteer service, ARA Living Centers

Appreciation Plaque, for tireless efforts in the interest of the developmentally disabled of the State of Texas, International Order of the Alhambra, Sahara Caravan #64

Appreciation Plaque, for Support of higher education, The University of Texas at San Antonio

Appreciation Plaque, for promoting literacy, Alamo Reading Council, San Antonio

Appreciation Plaque, for going above and beyond the call of duty to help Bexar County achieve its goals, Bexar County Commissioners Court

Appreciation Plaque, for successes and for inspiring others, Chapter I Migrant Program, Laredo Independent School District, Laredo

Appreciation Plaque, for Special Education, E.Y.S. Program, Laredo Independent School District, Laredo, Texas

1988

George Washington Honor Medal of Excellence Recipient, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, for Series of Speeches about the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

Outstanding Woman, Mexican American Business and Professional Women of Austin, Texas

Best "Cooker" in the World, Bright Beginnings Kindergarten Class, Laredo

Leadership Plaque, South Texas Salute to Senator Judith Zaffirini

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Certificate of Commendation, Board of Directors of Lifeline of Laredo,
Laredo

Very Important Parent Award, Bright Beginnings, Laredo

Appreciation Plaque, for valuable contributions, U. S. Drug Enforcement
Agency

Appreciation Plaque, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs

Appreciation Plaque, for contribution toward honoring veterans, Veterans of
Foreign Wars of the United States

Appreciation Plaque, for devoted and invaluable service to County
Treasurers, County Treasurers Association of Texas

Appreciation Plaque, CCSCT Aging Program

Appreciation Plaque, for legislation beneficial to public housing and community
development agencies, National Organization of Housing and Redevelopment
Officials

Appreciation Plaque, for encouragement, cooperation and personal meritorious
service, Office Education Association

Appreciation Plaque, for strong leadership and dedication to the community,
Texas League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)

Appreciation Plaque, for service to Texas Community Colleges, Bee County
College, Beeville

Appreciation Plaque, for outstanding leadership and untiring efforts towards
the education of the children of South Texas, San Diego I.S.D., San Diego
Appreciation Plaque, for outstanding contribution to adult literacy, Schertz-
Cibolo-Universal City Continuing Education Program

Appreciation Plaque, for excellent program, TAPA Laredo Chapter, Laredo

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Appreciation Plaque, for leadership in helping achieve goals, Lifeline of Laredo, Laredo, Texas

Appreciation Plaque, for Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Laredo

Appreciation Plaque, for outstanding and unselfish volunteer services, Laredo State Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Laredo

Appreciation Plaque, for support of students and faculty, Newman Elementary School Kindergarten, Laredo

Appreciation Plaque, J. W. Nixon Co-Op Program, J. W. Nixon High School, Laredo

Appreciation Plaque, for continued support and ongoing efforts on behalf of excellence in education, Laredo Junior College, Laredo, Texas

Appreciation Plaque, for devoted and invaluable services rendered, H. B. Zachry Elementary School, Laredo

Certificate of Merit, for outstanding excellence and achievement in representing the citizens, Webb Consolidated I.S.D.

Appreciation Certificate, Laredo Organized Volunteers for the Elderly and Disadvantaged, Project C.A.R.O.L. (Citizens Acknowledging the Roots of Laredo), Laredo

Appreciation Certificate, for outstanding contributions over an extended period of time to the Vet Center Program for Vietnam Era Veterans, Veterans Administration

Appreciation Certificate, for devoted service, ARA Living Centers

Appreciation Certificate, for dedication and participation in the prevention of child abuse, Texas Department of Human Services Child Protective

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1987

Jose María Morelos y Pavón Medal of Merit, internationally acclaimed award in recognition of “superior understanding of the problems of Latin Americans and for personal interest in promoting the best relations between Mexico and the United States”, Agrupación Nacional Periodística (ANPE—journalists’ association), Mexico

Rookie of the Year, in recognition of outstanding efforts on behalf of Texas Peace Officers during the 1987 Legislative Session, Combined Law Enforcement Agencies of Texas

Outstanding Freshman Legislator, Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Outstanding Pro-Life Legislator, 70th Legislature, Texas Coalition for Life

One of 10 Texas "Power Couples," *Texas Monthly* magazine
National Hispanic Hall of Fame and Medal of Excellence, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)

Outstanding Service Award, 70th Texas Legislature, San Antonio Mexican American Chamber of Commerce

Hispanic Legislator Recognition, Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce (TAMACC)

Appreciation Award, for a successful 70th Legislative Session, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Council 12

Outstanding Achievement in Public Service to Texas through Civic and Government Involvement, Laredo Club of Austin

Presidential Merit Citation, for distinguished achievement in the service of higher learning and human welfare, Laredo State University

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Appreciation Award, Mexican American Business and Professional Women of San Antonio

Leadership Award, for support of vocational education, James Madison High School, San Antonio

Appreciation Plaque, for co-sponsorship of legislation, Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Appreciation Plaque, for unselfish sharing of knowledge and experience as well as the giving of self to others, San Antonio Board of Realtors

Appreciation Plaque, for valiant efforts to promote public education, Sterling Fly Junior High School, Crystal City, Texas

Appreciation Plaque, for ARA Services, Retama Manor West, Laredo

Appreciation Plaque, BASTA Advisory Council, Laredo, Texas

Appreciation Plaque, Laredo Association of Life Underwriters, Laredo

Appreciation Plaque, for outstanding and unselfish services to the Jaycees, Laredo Junior Chamber of Commerce

Certificate of Recognition, Texas Farm Bureaus in District 21

Appreciation Certificate, Texas Commission on the Arts

Appreciation Certificate, for outstanding support given the military of Texas, Adjutant General's Department of Texas

Appreciation Certificate, Justices of the Peace and Constables Association

Appreciation Certificate, for dedication and tireless effort, San Antonio Right-to-Life Foundation

Appreciation Certificate, for cooperative participation in promoting

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students' education, Memorial Middle School Student Council, Laredo

Appreciation Certificate, for outstanding volunteer services, Laredo State Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation

Appreciation Certificate, Borderfest, Laredo

1986-1975

“100 Influentials,” one of top 100 influential Hispanics in the United States, selected by *Hispanic Business* magazine, 1986

Outstanding Service to the Hispanic Community award, San Antonio Mexican American Bar Association, 1986

Outstanding Women, 1982, special publication of the *Laredo Times*, December, 1982

Woman of the Year, Texas Mexican American Women’s Political Caucus, 1981

Woman of Achievement, Texas Press Women, 1980

Woman of Achievement, District IV Texas Press Women, 1980 and 1976

Certificate of Merit, for statewide service to Texas Child Care. Presented at the Texas Family Institute, March, 1979

As Director of Communications at Laredo Junior College she and her staff won more than 40 national and state awards between 1976 and 1980, including a Grand Award for Community Relations Programs and three Awards of Excellence for Feature Stories or Series, Special Communications Programs, and News Writing

First Place, Public Relations, Second Edition of *Publicity Planner, or How to Get Publicity in Laredo News Media*, Texas Press Women Communication Contest

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Third Place (nationally), Public Relations, Second Edition of *Publicity Planner, or How to Get Publicity in Laredo News Media*, School-College Publications Contest

Top Ten Texas Press Women, 1976. Fourth Place in State for Total Points for the Following Winning Entries in the 1976 Texas Press Women Communication Contest:

First Place, Public Relations, First Edition of *Publicity Planner, or How to Get Publicity in Laredo News Media*

First Place, Special Editions, 1975-76 Laredo Junior College Catalog

First Place, Advertising, Laredo Junior College Registration Ad

Second Place, Public Relations Press Releases, Feature about a Special Services Program

Second Place, Speeches, *Changing Attitudes toward Working Women*, September, 1975