

Senator Duncan Receives Award As Long Term Care Champion

The Texas Health Care Association (THCA) selected Senator Robert Duncan as its first annual 2007-2008 Long Term Care Champion. The award was presented at a reception at Texas Heritage Oaks Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

According to Tim Graves, President and CEO of THCA, Senator Duncan goes



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the extra mile. Duncan has been a leader in the Texas Senate since 1996, when he won a special election to represent District 28, which includes Lubbock.

During the past 10 years he has written bills to protect fairness in the legal system, ensure quality education, and enhance the economic viability of West Texas.

Since 2001 Duncan has served on the Senate Finance Committee, and also had a seat on the Finance Conference Committee, which hashes out the final appropriations bill to establish the state's two-year budget.

Founded in 1950, THCA is the largest long-term care association in Texas. THCA represents a broad spectrum of long-term care providers and professionals offering long-term, rehabilitative and specialized health care services. Member facilities, owned by both for-profit and non-profit entities, include

nursing, specialized rehabilitation and assisted living facilities.

Graves commented on Senator Duncan's thoroughness in studying needs.

"You had better have your facts straight" before going to testify. He said 2001 was not a good year for long-term care, but Duncan kept asking what needed to be done, and worked to see it accomplished.

The senator, in accepting the award, said he had a special interest in long-term care facilities, as his mother is a resident in one. He said that working with the health-care association makes his job better.

Guests were entertained by a "No Name Band," a group that just gets together to play. The youngest member is Jim Bob Ashmore, 9 years old, who started playing a guitar two years ago.

Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

Sudoku Answers

6	9	8	2	3	7	1	4	5
4	5	7	8	6	1	9	2	3
2	3	1	4	9	5	7	8	6
3	8	4	5	7	6	2	1	9
1	6	5	9	4	2	8	3	7
7	2	9	3	1	8	5	6	4
5	4	3	1	8	9	6	7	2
9	1	6	7	2	4	3	5	8
8	7	2	6	5	3	4	9	1

8	5	2	1	9	6	7	3	4
7	3	1	4	8	5	9	2	6
9	6	4	7	2	3	5	1	8
1	2	6	8	7	9	3	4	5
5	9	7	6	3	4	1	8	2
3	4	8	2	5	1	6	7	9
4	8	9	3	6	7	2	5	1
6	1	3	5	4	2	8	9	7
2	7	5	9	1	8	4	6	3



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