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Texas Health Care Association PAC announces 2018 primary endorsements Skilled nursing providers support lawmakers who stand up for Texas seniors

(AUSTIN, TEXAS) — The political action committee representing skilled nursing and assisted living facilities across Texas today announced who they are supporting in the March 6 primaries.

"The Texas Health Care Association PAC stands behind lawmakers who stand up for Texas seniors," said Kevin Warren, President and CEO of the Texas Health Care Association. "THCA membership appreciates all of these candidates for their dedication to improving the quality of long term care in Texas."

The state senators endorsed by THCAPAC are:

- Sen. Charles Schwertner (R-Georgetown) SD 5
- Sen. John Whitmire (D-Houston) SD 15
- Sen. Joan Huffman (R-Houston) SD 17
- Sen. Donna Campbell (R-San Antonio) SD 25
- Sen. Craig Estes (R-Wichita Falls) SD 30
- Sen. Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) SD 31

The House members endorsed by THCAPAC are:

- Rep. Chris Paddie (R-Marshall) HD 9
- Rep. Travis Clardy (R-Nacogdoches) HD 11
- Rep. Ernest Bailes (R-Shepherd) HD 18
- Rep. Wayne Faircloth (R-Galveston) HD 23
- Rep. Ryan Guillen (D-Rio Grande City) HD 31
- Rep. René Oliviera (D-Brownsville) HD 37
- Rep. Bobby Guerra (D-McAllen) HD 41
- Rep. Paul Workman (R-Austin) HD 47
- Rep. Scott Cosper (R-Killeen) HD 54
- Rep. Hugh Shine (R-Temple) HD 55
- Rep. J.D. Sheffield (R-Gatesville) HD 59
- Rep. Lynn Stucky (R-Denton) HD 64
- Rep. Ron Simmons (R-Carrollton) HD 65
- Rep. Mary González (D-El Paso) HD 75
- Rep. Four Price (R-Amarillo) HD 87

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- Rep. Ken King (R-Canadian) HD 88
- Rep. Giovanni Capriglione (R-Southlake) HD 98
- Rep. Charlie Geren (R-Fort Worth) HD 99
- Rep. Eric Johnson (D-Dallas) HD 100
- Rep. Linda Koop (R-Dallas) HD 102
- Rep. Roberto Alonzo (D-Dallas) HD 104
- Rep. Jason Villalba (R-Dallas) HD 114
- Rep. Diana Arévalo (D-San Antonio) HD 116
- Rep. Phillip Cortez (D-San Antonio) HD 117
- Rep. Tomas Uresti (D-San Antonio) HD 118
- Rep. Lyle Larson (R-San Antonio) HD 122
- Rep. Ina Minjarez (D-San Antonio) HD 124
- Rep. Dan Huberty (R-Houston) HD 127
- Rep. Sarah Davis (R-West University Place) HD 134
- Rep. Jarvis Johnson (D-Houston) HD 139
- Rep. Harold Dutton (D-Houston) HD 142
- Rep. Shawn Thierry (D-Houston) HD 146
- Rep. Garnet Coleman (D-Houston) HD 147

The THCAPAC also endorsed both Governor Greg Abbott and Lt. Governor Dan Patrick. THCAPAC endorsed incumbents who have opponents in the March 6 primaries. Additional endorsements will be released at a later date.

The long term care industry employs more than 110,000 Texans, paying over \$4 billion in direct wages every year.

"Families with a loved one in a long term care facility should know that these legislators are looking out for them," Warren said. "THCAPAC strongly endorses the candidacies of these Texas leaders and applauds their proven leadership."

About THCA

Founded in 1950, the Texas Health Care Association (THCA) is the largest long term care association in Texas. THCA's membership is comprised of several hundred licensed nonprofit and for-profit skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), specialized rehabilitation facilities and assisted living facilities in Texas. These facilities provide comprehensive, around-the-clock nursing care for chronically ill or short-term residents of all ages, along with rehabilitative and specialized medical programs. THCA also represents more than 190 long term care businesses that provide products and services to the state's approximately 2,850 nursing homes and assisted living facilities. To learn more, visit http://txhca.org/ or connect with THCA on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

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