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Texas Hospital Association PAC Honors Allison

AUSTIN (Aug. 6, 2009) – Margaret “Peggy” Allison, an associate board member at Methodist Healthcare System of San Antonio, will receive HOSPAC’s inaugural Star Award in appreciation for her long-term support of the political action group affiliated with the Texas Hospital Association. Allison will accept the award during a luncheon being held in conjunction with the Texas Healthcare Trustees annual conference, Aug. 7 in Austin.

“Peggy is a tireless champion for health care in her community, and she brings that same energy to her support of HOSPAC,” said Steve Sanders, FACHE, chairman of HOSPAC and chief executive officer of Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital. “She truly understands the importance of building relationships with elected officials to help shape the future of health care policy.”

Allison been a HOSPAC President’s Council member for many years, has served on the HOSPAC Board of Directors for eight years and has participated on the board’s Strategic Planning Committee. In addition to her 20+ years of service to Methodist Healthcare System, Allison has been an active member of the Texas Healthcare Trustees. A past THT chairman, she also served as an at-large member of the American Hospital Association’s Committee on Governance. She is active in numerous community organizations throughout San Antonio.

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About the Texas Hospital Association

Founded in 1930, the Texas Hospital Association is the leadership organization and principal advocate for the state’s hospitals and health care systems. Based in Austin, THA enhances its members’ abilities to improve accessibility, quality and cost-effectiveness of health care for all Texans. One of the largest hospital associations in the country, THA represents more than 85 percent of the state’s acute-care hospitals and health care systems, which employ some 355,000 health care professionals statewide. Learn more about THA on www.tha.org or follow THA on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/texashospitals>.