



TEXAS HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

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## **Texas Hospital Association PAC Honors Rosemary Burns**

AUSTIN (Aug. 19, 2011) – Rosemary Burns, a member of the board of directors at East Texas Medical Center Athens, recently received HOSPAC’s Star Trustee Award in recognition of her long-term support of the political action group affiliated with the Texas Hospital Association. Burns accepted the award during a luncheon held in conjunction with the Texas Healthcare Trustees Annual Conference, July 31 in Fort Worth.

“Rosemary is a tireless champion for health care in East Texas and throughout the state, and she brings that same energy to her support of HOSPAC,” said David Tesmer, chairman of HOSPAC and senior vice president of advocacy and community benefit at Arlington-based Texas Health Resources. “She understands the importance of building relationships with elected officials to help shape the future of health care policy.”

In addition to her personal support of HOSPAC, Burns and the ETMC Athens leadership team raised 270 percent of the hospital’s individual goal for 2010, exceeding all other hospitals. ETMC Athens has exceeded its HOSPAC fundraising goal for six years running.

Burns has been a member of the Texas Hospital Association’s Board of Trustees and served as a member of THA’s Council on Policy Development. She has represented her fellow

trustees as a member of the Texas Healthcare Trustees Board of Directors since 2003. She served as chair of THT in 2010, and she has held a variety of leadership positions within the organization. She also is active in numerous organizations throughout her community.

“Rosemary continually lends her support to HOSPAC events and is a willing and effective hospital advocate with elected officials in Austin,” said Tesmer. “When she talks, people listen!”

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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](http://www.tha.org) or follow THA on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/texashospitals>.

### **About ETMC Athens**

ETMC Athens is a full-service hospital devoted to meeting the expanding needs of Henderson County. The hospital offers advanced diagnostics, obstetrical services and Level IV emergency care with a commitment to excellence and compassion that is unrivaled. ETMC Athens is part of the ETMC Regional Healthcare System, the area’s largest and most comprehensive health care network. Learn more at [www.etmc.org](http://www.etmc.org).