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Texas Conservative Coalition Presents Freshman of the Year and Courageous Conservative Award to State Rep. Tim Kleinschmidt

AUSTIN, TEXAS — *the following statement may be attributed to State Rep. Wayne Christian (R-Center), President of the Texas Conservative Coalition, regarding the presentation of the TCC Freshman of the Year and Courageous Conservative award to State Rep. Tim Kleinschmidt (R-Lexington).*

"In the 81st Legislature, State Representative Tim Kleinschmidt worked tirelessly to advance and defend conservative principles. Based on his adherence to principles and his spirited defense of conservative values, I am pleased to recognize Tim as a Courageous Conservative and as TCC's Freshman of the 81st Legislature.

"Tim is a member of the Texas Conservative Coalition (TCC), the conservative caucus of the Texas Legislature. He has exhibited a strong dedication to the four guiding LIFT principles on which TCC operates:

- ★ Limited Government
- ★ Individual Liberty
- ★ Free Enterprise
- ★ Traditional Values

"Conservative principles served as the cornerstone of Tim's policy actions in the 81st Legislature. Tim was a determined advocate for small businesses in Texas. In the course of the floor debate on the *Energy* bill (House Bill 1657), for example, he stepped up and spoke against the legislation that would have damaged our state's business climate and increased costs for small businesses across Texas.

"Tim also authored and co-authored a number of significant bills that were enacted, including:

- ★ HB 2291, which limits property tax rate increases;
- ★ HB 3613, which requires property tax appraisals to consider the residential value of a property rather than potential commercial value;
- ★ HB 4765, which increases the franchise tax revenue exemption;
- ★ HB 469, which creates incentives for clean energy projects; and,
- ★ HB 51, which establishes a funding mechanism for more Tier One research universities in Texas.

"Tim proved himself to be an exceptionally bright and hard-working member of the Legislature this session. In fact, like Tim, each one of our freshman members has proven themselves to be a strong and thoughtful conservative who is willing to fight for conservative principles.

“Tim Kleinschmidt is a Courageous Conservative with a bright future, and we are proud to count him as a member of the Texas Conservative Coalition and as our Freshman of the Year. We look forward to continuing to work with him to promote and defend conservative principles.”

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