

RUSSELL H. PERRY AWARD

The Russell H. Perry Award has been established to recognize individual citizens for leadership in gaining public awareness of the need for and benefits of adequate highway and transportation facilities in the State of Texas.

The award is sponsored jointly by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, member of the Texas A&M University System, the Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas Good Roads/Transportation Association.

The award is named for the late Russell H. Perry, who exemplified the qualities the award will recognize.

Nominations will be allowed from all transportation related agencies in the State of Texas, including Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Texas Department of Transportation, The Railroad Commission, Department of Public Safety and the Center for Transportation Research.

The following procedures are established for the award and the selection of award winners:

1. The award was created to be known as the Russell H. Perry Award. The award is to recognize individual citizens for leadership in gaining public awareness of the need for and benefits of adequate highway and transportation facilities in the State of Texas.
2. The award consists of an appropriate plaque selected by the Director of the Texas A&M Transportation Institute. The cost of the award will be paid by the Texas Transportation Foundation.
3. The Award Selection Committee will consist of three persons appointed by the Director of the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, no more than one of whom shall be a member of the University System staff with the other two being prominent citizens of Texas having no official connection with a transportation agency of the State of Texas or the Texas A&M University System. The Director of the Texas A&M Transportation Institute will designate the chairman.

Appointments will be continuous subject to the wishes of the individuals concerned and the Institute.

4. The award will be made annually at the TxDOT Transportation Short Course unless, in the future, the Director of the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, with concurrence of the other sponsors, determines another occasion to be more suitable.

RUSSELL H. Perry Award (continued)

5. The first Russell H. Perry Award was presented in 1989. Award recipients will be selected from nominees submitted by transportation agencies in the State of Texas including the Texas Department of Transportation, the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, the Center for Transportation Research at the University of Texas at Austin, the Texas Railroad Commission and the Texas Department of Public Safety. **Employees of these agencies are not eligible to receive the award.** It is the intent of the sponsors that individuals qualified for consideration for the Gibb Gilchrist, Dewitt C. Greer and Luther DeBerry Awards not be considered as recipients of the Russell H. Perry Award. The Director of the Texas A&M Transportation Institute shall, approximately six months in advance, advise the appropriate agencies of the procedure for making nominations.
6. Beginning in 1989, the executive head of each State transportation agency may submit one nominee for the award each year. The name and citation of each nominee shall be forwarded to the Award Selection Committee by the Director of the Texas A&M Transportation Institute approximately three months prior to the date of the award. Executive heads of transportation agencies are not obligated to make nominations if, in their opinions, there are no eligible or deserving persons. In like manner, the Award Selection Committee is not obligated to select an Award recipient if, in their opinion, a suitable candidate is not available.
7. The primary basis for selection of award recipients is leadership in gaining public awareness of the need for and benefits of adequate highway and transportation facilities in the State of Texas.

TxDOT Transportation Short Course Awards

These awards are presented annually at TxDOT Transportation Short Course.

RUSSELL H. PERRY AWARD

- ◆ Established in 1988
- ◆ Recipient receives plaque
- ◆ Administered by TTI (TAMU System) through TTI Business Office
- ◆ Carries Signatures of Award Committee Chairman and Director, TTI

Nominations

- ◆ Call for nominations distributed by Director, TTI to all transportation related agencies in the State of Texas to include:

Texas Department of Transportation,
The Texas A&M Transportation Institute,
Center for Transportation Research - University of Texas,
Transportation Division - Texas Railroad Commission and
Texas Department of Public Safety

- ◆ Names of candidates are sent from Director of TTI to Award Selection Committee.

Criteria for nomination:

- ◆ "Leadership in gaining public awareness of the need for and benefits of adequate highway and transportation facilities in the State of Texas"

Eligible for Nomination:

- ◆ **Employees of TxDOT are not eligible for the Russell Perry Award.** The intent is to honor private citizens that have made significant contribution to the field of transportation.

Recipients of TxDOT Transportation Short Course

RUSSELL H. PERRY AWARD **(First Award Presented in 1989)**

1989

Robert C. Lanier
Houston

1990

David W. Glass
Owner, David Glass Motors
Paris

1991

Heywood C. Clemons
Clemons Tractor Company
Fort Worth

1992

Senator John Traeger
Seguin

1993

Ray Stoker, Jr.
Odessa

1994

Dick Harris
Amarillo, TX

1995

Senator David Cain
Dallas, TX

1996

Dave H. Abernathy
Mayor, Pittsburg, TX

1997

Landon Alford

1998

Tom Vandergriff
Tarrant County
Commissioners' Court
Judge

1999

Judge Lee Jackson
Dallas County

2000

Louis A. Bronaugh
Mayor, Lufkin, TX

2001

Bill Summers
CEO/President
Rio Grande Valley
International Partnership

2002

Charles R. Perry
Chairman of the Board
Avion Flight Centre

2003

Audrey Daniels Kariel
Former Mayor of Marshall

2004

John P. Thompson
County Judge, Polk County

2005

Thomas Kornegay, P.E. P.P.M
Executive Director
Port of Houston Authority

2006

Robert L. Nichols
Texas State Senator *Elect*,
District 3
Jacksonville, Texas

2007

Thomas L. Johnson, Jr.
Executive Vice President of
the Associated General
Contractors of Texas

2008

John R. Butler, Jr.
Chairman, J. R. Butler and
Company, Houston, TX

2009

Nelson William Wolff
Bexar County Judge
San Antonio, TX

2010

Stan Schlueter
Legislative Consultant
Austin, TX

2011

Ed Emmett
Harris County Judge
Houston, TX

2012

Judy Hawley
Commissioner, Port of
Corpus Christi Authority

2013

The Hon. B. Glen Whitley
Judge, Tarrant County

2014

John Willard Johnson
Johnson & Lindley, Inc.

2015

Lawrence Olsen, Ret.
Vice President, Texas Good
Roads

2016

Hope Andrade
Via Board of Trustees

2017

Judge Samuel L. Neal
(Lloyd Neal)
Nueces County, TX

2018

U.S. Senator John Cornyn
of Texas

2019

Gerry Schwebel
International Bank of
Commerce

2020

Joseph C. “Joe” Pickett
State Representative
(Retired)

2021

C. Michael Walton
University of Texas at
Austin (Emeritus)

2022

Dennis Christiansen
Director Emeritus, The
Texas A&M Transportation
Institute

2023

Phyllis Saathoff

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Name of candidate:	
Employed by D/D/O:	Location:
Present title (include functional title):	Title held since:
Initial employment with TxDOT (place and date):	First job description:
Degrees held/colleges attended:	
Total TxDOT time (plus military service time, if applicable):	
Advancement record (showing titles in each position):	
Civic organizations and offices held:	
Professional organization and offices held:	
Articles Published:	
Name of spouse: Name of children:	
Present address and phone number:	Date of birth:
Please add any information you choose (honors received, hobbies, etc.):	