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Plug-In Texas Honors State Representative Larry Phillips with Transportation Leadership Award

AUSTIN— On November 14, 2011, electric vehicle coalition *Plug-In Texas* honored Texas State Representative Larry Phillips, R-Sherman, Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, with its *2011 Plug-In Texas Transportation Leadership Award*. The award is for Phillips' recognition of the importance of integrating alternative fuels and clean vehicles into Texas' transportation future.

With Chairman Phillips' leadership, the House Transportation Committee passed legislation during the 82nd Legislature supported by *Plug-In Texas* that was intended to advance alternative-fueled and electric vehicles in the state and the fueling infrastructure to service these vehicles.

During the awards presentation Russ Keene of *Plug-In Texas* said, "*Plug-In Texas* appreciates Chairman Larry Phillips' leadership of the hardworking Transportation Committee during the 82nd Texas Legislature. The Texas vehicle marketplace is evolving and transforming as more and more electric vehicles are manufactured. With the many pressing issues of transportation planning and funding at hand this past year, we thank Chairman Phillips for also looking to future policy planning as Texans begin to embrace new, clean, high tech electric and other alternative fueled vehicles. "

In receiving the award, Chairman Phillips stated, "With urban growth, congested highways, air quality challenges, and many other hurdles facing the Texas transportation system, our state must recognize clean technologies as part of the solution. I intend to continue to examine policies, including alternative-fueled vehicles, which will help make transportation more efficient in years to come."

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About Plug-In Texas: *Plug-In Texas is a broad-based and growing statewide coalition of private and public interests dedicated to supporting policy changes that promote battery electric, plug-in hybrid and all-electric vehicles in Texas, as well as the infrastructure needed to support them. Plug-In Texas will support activities that create new jobs, foster development of new technologies, improve environmental conditions and spur economic activity that supports the electric vehicle industry. The coalition serves as a clearinghouse for information on EVs, and supports initiatives that market the development and promote the commercial viability of EVs. Plug-In Texas' membership includes: ECOtality, Environment Texas, Environmental Defense Fund, eVgo, Ford Motor Company, General Motors, Gulf States Toyota, Luminant, Texas Automobile Dealers Association, Texas League of Conservation Voters, Toyota Motor North America and TXU Energy. For more information about Plug-In Texas, visit www.PlugInTexas.org.*