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Plug-In Texas Honors Representative Eddie Rodriguez for his Leadership and Commitment to Clean Transportation

AUSTIN— Today, electric vehicle coalition *Plug-In Texas* honored Texas State Representative Eddie Rodriguez, D-Austin, with its *2011 Plug-In Texas Environmental Leadership Award* for his dedication and interest in promoting alternative fueled vehicles, including electric vehicles (EVs), in Texas.

During the awards presentation Russ Keene of *Plug-In Texas* said, “*Plug-In Texas* thanks Representative Rodriguez for his commitment and leadership in energy efficiency and clean transportation through the advancement of new technologies. Rodriguez is a talented legislator and is committed to raising awareness of EVs and advancing public policies to spur clean vehicle adoption in the state.”

In receiving the award, Representative Rodriguez stated, “Modest state incentives will help promote the promising technology of electric vehicles. Widespread adoption of EVs in Texas brings a range of benefits and I plan to continue to advocate for policies that will help increase consumer and fleet adoption of EVs in future years.”

Representative Rodriguez sponsored legislation in the 82nd Texas Legislature supported by *Plug-In Texas* that was intended to incent Texans to invest in electric vehicles (EVs) and lead to more rapid adoption of EVs in the state. *Plug-In Texas* looks forward to continuing its work with state and local policy makers to advance public policies that will stimulate adoption of EVs in Texas.

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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.*