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### **TDLR Commissioner Ray Callas Honored by Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation**

**AUSTIN** – The Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation today recognized Commissioner Ray Callas for his American Medical Association Medal of Valor, given in honor of his selfless commitment to his community during Hurricane Harvey in 2017.

Dr. Callas received the AMA Medal of Valor for his work on behalf of patients and his Beaumont community in the wake of the Category 4 storm that devastated the Texas coast. The award recognizes physicians who demonstrate courage under extraordinary circumstances in non-wartime situations.

“We’re privileged to have Dr. Callas with us as a Commissioner...We thank you for your unselfish acts for people. This shows where your heart is, and who you are, more than anything else,” said Commission Chair Mike Arismendez.

During and after Hurricane Harvey, Dr. Callas continued caring for patients, including a woman who had suffered a heart attack. Dr. Callas was able to arrange for a medical evacuation for her, and she was taken by helicopter to a hospital, where she underwent successful bypass surgery.

#### About TDLR

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