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Senator Kolkhorst Receives Legislative Leadership Award from the Sheriffs' Association of Texas

San Antonio, TX -- Texas State Senator Lois W. Kolkhorst received the Legislative Leadership Award from the Sheriffs' Association of Texas during their 137th Annual Conference in San Antonio Tuesday evening.

The presentation was made by the Association's president, Sheriff A.J. Louderback of Jackson County.

"The Legislative Leadership Award was created to recognize and honor a Texas State Senator or State Representative for their service to the Sheriffs' Association of Texas. The award is given to someone who displays unselfish service to the people of the State of Texas in the legislative process," said Louderback. "Lois Kolkhorst is just this kind of person. We appreciate her efforts in working with us and for all the people of Texas."

During this year's legislative session, Kolkhorst worked closely with sheriffs in her district and across the state to address mental health issues as well as authoring and passing SB 790, a bill that the Sheriff's Association had been attempting to pass since 2007. With the passage of SB 790, a county magistrate will be able to release on bond a person on parole who is arrested for merely a technical violation in certain pre-determined situations. The bill is projected to relieve overcrowded jails, cut down on burdensome and unnecessary paperwork processing, and save taxpayer dollars.

"This is truly one of the highest honors I have ever received as a lawmaker," said Kolkhorst before a crowd of over 300 in attendance. "It's humbling to be recognized by a group of elected leaders who put their lives on the line every day to defend and protect the people of Texas."

"The Sheriffs realize the importance of a relationship with the Legislature," said Sheriff T. Michael O'Connor, of Victoria County. "We wanted to show an appreciation for leadership in the Legislature. Senator Kolkhorst stepped up and worked with us through the entire process this year. We have important business that impacts many lives. She didn't cater to us. She worked hard, asked questions and acted on issues that impact all of our constituents."

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