



## SENATOR JOSÉ MENÉNDEZ DISTRICT 26

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### **Texas Municipal League Awards Senator José Menéndez ‘Legislator of the Year’**

**San Antonio, Texas** - The Texas Municipal League (TML) awarded state Senator José Menéndez, District 26, with the 'Legislator of the Year' Award at their annual conference held in Houston this week. This distinguished recognition was awarded to four state legislators for their outstanding efforts to empower Texans to make decisions affecting their communities at the local level. Sen. Menéndez's district includes San Antonio, Leon Valley, Converse, Balcones Heights, Windcrest, Live Oak, and Castle Hills.

The Texas Municipal League exists solely to provide services to 1,155 Texas cities. Since its formation in 1913, the League's mission is to serve the needs and advocate the interests of its members by fulfilling its purpose of - *Empowering Texas cities to serve their citizens.*

The recipients of the TML's "Legislator of the Year" award for 2017 are Sen. José Menéndez (D- San Antonio), Rep. Diego Bernal (D- San Antonio), Rep. Jim Murphy (R- Houston), and Rep. Drew Springer (R- Muenster).

"In a year marked by numerous attempts to erode local decision-making, these four legislators stand out for defending the ability of Texans to have a voice in shaping the character of their neighborhoods and communities," said TML Executive Director Bennett Sandlin.

*The following quote is attributed to Senator José Menéndez:*

"I am truly humbled by this award and am thankful to the Texas Municipal League for recognizing our determination to defend the needs of our Texas military and citizens through preserving the city annexation authority. I can attest through my experience serving in both local and state elected offices, that when we work together, we can solve the state's problems as a team."

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