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Donna Eccleston
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Dear Commissioner Eccleston:

It is an honor for me to announce you have been selected for a Chair of the Board Award in the field of mental health. No more than six individuals are honored for this award each year, and your efforts in Comal County in this field certainly more than qualifies you for this honor.

You are a Board Member and current Chair of Hill Country Mental Health and Developmental Disability, a 19-county local mental health authority. You are also a Board Member of the Texas Council of Community Mental Health Centers and started the Mental Health Stakeholders Partner Group here nine years ago. Your efforts have increased communication and understanding between all stakeholders and have made life better for the citizens of our county who require mental health services.

You worked tirelessly with Judge Charles Stephens to form the local Veterans Treatment Court, a specialty court designed to assist veterans in the criminal justice system. You are also a member of the McKenna Community Mental and Behavioral Health Task Force and the county's Mobile Crisis Outreach Team. You were instrumental in obtaining the funds and development of this team, now responsible for taking care of as many as 90-95% of all civil commitments. You are a tireless advocate with our elected state delegation on mental health issues and have suggested modifications to statutes to increase efficiencies and optimize services in mental health across our state.

You were first elected to Commissioners Court in 2008 and have twice been re-elected by the voters of Precinct 1. As a member of the County's Wellness Committee, you lead by example as an active participant in activities to promote healthy living and fun competition among County employees. You serve as the County's Indigent Health Care Appeals Officer and also serve on the Board of the United Way of Comal County and are an active supporter and volunteer for area food banks. You twice served as President of the Canyon Lake Rotary Club, and you are a member of multiple chambers of commerce in the county.

For these reasons and many more, you and Bob are invited to be our guests at the Centennial Banquet of the Greater New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce set for January 25, 2019 in the New Braunfels Civic Convention Center. At that time we will further honor you with a framed certificate in recognition of your contributions to the area in the field of mental health.

Sincerely,

Robin Jeffers
Chair of the Board