

## INSURANCE COUNCIL OF TEXAS

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### **\*Photo Attached**

## **James Langford Honored with Raymond Mauk Award**

James Langford, an assistant vice president at the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, was presented the Raymond Mauk Leadership Award Thursday, July 13, at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Year Property and Casualty Symposium. Langford becomes the ninth recipient of the prestigious insurance award.

The Insurance Council of Texas (ICT) presents the Raymond Mauk Leadership Award at its Mid-Year Property and Casualty Insurance Symposium in Austin each year. It is the Council's highest honor and is intended to bestow recognition on those whose labor has made a significant difference in the business of insurance.

Langford started his career with the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies in 1969, as a management trainee in policy services. He rose through the ranks becoming vice president of operations before landing his current position as assistant vice president of compliance, regulatory and government affairs and training at the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies.

Langford has had a distinguished career in the industry having served as president of his CPCU chapter, chairman of the executive committee of the Texas Market Assistance Program, board member of the Texas Automobile Insurance Plan Association, chairman of the Southwestern Insurance Information Service and as president of the Association of Fire and Casualty Companies in Texas (AFACT).

Langford currently serves on the board of the Texas Property and Casualty Insurance Guaranty Association, the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association, the Texas FAIR Plan and as chairman of the Insurance Council of Texas.

One of Langford's primary responsibilities is representing the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Company before the Texas Legislature. He has been at this task since 1991. Langford has become one of the most respected insurance lobbyists in the state capitol today.

## **About the Award**

The Raymond Mauk Award honors former Texas Fire Commissioner Raymond Mauk and annually recognizes someone who has made a notable contribution to the Texas property and casualty insurance industry.

Mauk enjoyed a long and distinguished career and held many positions of leadership within his company and industry organizations.

More than 70 years ago, Commissioner Mauk was convinced that fundamental change was needed to protect the insurance buying public and the integrity of the marketplace from the misapplication of rates and forms.

To accomplish his goal, Mauk envisioned the creation of a central checking office that would enforce good business practices and audit the insurance industry's paperwork for errors and competitive greed. Often facing great opposition and the traditional resistance to change, Mauk labored for two years to build support from both agents and companies.

By February 1935, Mauk's leadership had led to the successful establishment of the Texas Insurance Checking Office, an institution, which continues to serve the Texas industry today.

The Insurance Council of Texas is the largest insurance trade association in the state consisting of more than 500 property and casualty insurers writing business in Texas.

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