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2023 Texan of the Year

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Friday, March 24, 2023

Texan of the Year Reception

Thursday, March 23, 2023 – 7:00 pm

New Braunfels Civic Convention Center

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Robert Calvert	1974	Max Sherman	1999
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Lady Bird Johnson	1976	Red McCombs	2001
Dolph Briscoe	1977	George W. Bush	2002
George H. Mahon	1978	Karl Rove	2003
John B. Connally	1979	David Robinson	2004
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Phil Gramm	1988	John Sharp	2013
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Barbara Bush	1990	Joe Straus	2015
E (Kika) de la Garza	1991	John Cornyn	2016
Robert S. Strauss	1992	Pike Powers	2017
Barbara Jordan	1993	George Strait	2018
Herb Kelleher	1994	Lamar Smith	2019
Bob Bullock	1995	Charles Duke	2020
James E. "Pete" Laney	1996	Glenn Hegar	2021
Kay Bailey Hutchison	1997	Kevin Brady	2022
George Christian	1998		



2023

**Texan of the Year
Nelson Wolff**

7:45 - 8:15AM

REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

8:15AM

OPENING SESSION

Presiding: Diane Rath – Advisory Committee Chair

Invocation: Senator Donna Campbell

Edmund Kuempel Public Service Scholarship Awards

Presenting: State Representative John Kuempel

8:30AM

OPENING ADDRESS

Kevin Voelkel, President – Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Texas

8:50AM

SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC FUTURE

Moderator: Dr. Ray Perryman, President & CEO – The Perryman Group

Panelists:

Aaron Demerson, Commissioner Representing Employers – Texas Workforce Commission

Dr. Scott Muri, Superintendent – Ector County Independent School District

Carlton Schwab, President & CEO – Texas Economic Development Council

9:50AM

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Moderator: Chris Schuchart, Former Judge – Medina County

Panelists: State Representative Ryan Guillen – Texas House District 31

Judge Lewis Owens – Val Verde County

Judge John Paul Schuster – Kinney County

10:50AM

MEDIA PANEL

Moderator: Harvey Kronberg, – The Quorum Report

Panelists: Robert Garrett – Dallas Morning News

Karina Kling – Capitol Tonight, Spectrum News 1

John Moritz – USA Today Network Austin Bureau

NOON

LUNCHEON AND CLOSING ADDRESS

Tony Bennett, President & CEO – Texas Association of Manufacturers

1:00PM

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