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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AWARD PRESENTED TO DR. BOB HILLMAN

Reno, Nev., Oct. 21, 2007 -- Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas State Veterinarian, was honored by state regulatory officials during the opening joint general session of the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) and the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD) in Reno.

Dr. James Watson, Mississippi State Veterinarian and president of the National Assembly of State Animal Health Officials, presented this year's National Assembly annual award to Hillman, who was chosen for his outstanding contributions to U.S. animal health in the regulatory field. Hillman, a 1971 veterinary graduate of Texas A&M, entered private practice in northwest Texas and southern Idaho in the 1970's.

In 1981, he went to work for the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and served as Assistant State Veterinarian for nine years. In 1990, he became State Veterinarian and Administrator of the Division of Animal Industries for the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. In April 2003, he moved back to Texas to accept the position of State Veterinarian and Executive Director of the Texas Animal Health Commission.

Hillman was president of USAHA in 2001. He has also served as president of both the Western States Livestock Health Association and the National Assembly of State Animal Health Officials.

He is currently chair of the USAHA Committee on Livestock Identification and serves on the Secretary of Agriculture's Advisory Subcommittee for the National Animal Identification System. In 2005, Hillman received the APHIS Animal Health Award at the USAHA annual meeting in Hershey, Pa.

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