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NEWS RELEASE

LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNICATORS GROUP HONORS JUDGE EMMETT WITH TOP AWARD

*International Association of Business Communicators Houston
Names Emmett as “Executive Communicator of the Year”
In Recognition of His Leadership During Crisis*

The International Association of Business Communicators Houston announced today that it will grant this year’s “Executive Communicator of the Year” award to Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, for serving as “the voice of calm and reason in times of crisis” during hurricanes Ike and Harvey.

IABC Houston, whose more than 150 members include public relations and communication professionals from Fortune 500 companies, communications agencies, nonprofit organizations and government, will present Emmett with the award at a gala on June 14.

“Throughout the course of Hurricane Ike in September 2008 and then Hurricane Harvey last year, (Emmett) exemplified the commitment to serve as the voice of calm and reason in times of crisis,” the IABC said in its news release. “Pledging to provide accurate, up-to-date information, Judge Emmett and his staff conducted regular news conferences and briefed local, national and international journalists from a broad range of newspaper, radio, Internet and television outlets.”

Emmett said he was proud to accept the award on behalf of a large team of county officials, first responders and others who were part of a massive response to both disasters.

“I greatly appreciate IABC Houston for honoring me with this award,” said Emmett. “Emergency response presents numerous challenges, but none more important than communicating quickly and clearly to the public what is happening and how they can best protect themselves and their neighbors. This award rightly belongs to the hundreds of people who work so hard to protect the public in times of disaster.”