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JUDGE EMMETT, HOUSTON MAYOR BILL WHITE NAMED RECIPIENTS OF 2009 NORTH STAR AWARD

Award By North Houston Association Recognizes Leadership In Long-Term Hurricane Planning

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett and Houston Mayor Bill White were recently awarded the North Houston Association's 2009 North Star Award in recognition of their work in responding to Hurricane Ike last year and preparing for future hurricanes.

The North Star Award is presented to individuals or companies in northern Harris County who have made a long-term, significant contribution to the region. Officials with the North Houston Association said this year's award was given to Emmett and White "for their leadership in long-term regional hurricane planning and strategy implementation" and noted that the two "were at the forefront providing strong leadership and action for our area" during and after Hurricane Ike struck the area in September 2008.

The award to Judge Emmett was presented by former Harris County judge and state Sen. Jon Lindsay, the president of the North Houston Association.

"This award is especially meaningful because it comes from a group with which I have long been active," said Emmett. "In fact, I was president of the North Houston Association in the mid-1980s, when I represented the area in the Texas House of Representatives. I am extremely grateful to be honored this way."

The North Houston Association is a non-profit organization that identifies, advocates and supports projects and initiatives that advance the business environment and improve the quality of life in north Harris and south Montgomery counties.



The gentlemen in the photo are: (L to R) North Houston Association chairman Roy Hearnberger, Houston Mayor Bill White, Harris County Judge Ed Emmett and North Houston Association president Jon Lindsay.