



TEXAS BUSINESS HALL OF FAME

Class of 2018 Inductees from Houston, Texas

Chao Family – T.T. Chao (Posthumous), James Chao, Albert Chao, Dorothy Chao Jenkins

Westlake Chemical Corporation

Westlake Chemical Corporation was founded in 1986 by The Chao Family – the late Ting Tung "T.T." Chao and his two sons, James and Albert Chao – and is already North America's largest manufacturer of low density polyethylene. James is the Chairman of the Board of Westlake, Albert Chao is the President and CEO of Westlake, while Dorothy serves as a Director. Albert was first elected to the Rice University Board of Trustees from 2000-2008 and again in 2012, while James is a Trustee for Baylor College of Medicine and Dorothy for Wellesley College. Dorothy also serves as President of the Ting Tsung and Wei Fong Chao Foundation, which furthers cultural, civic, and higher education institutions. The Chao family's philanthropy has been a critical driver in advancing the state's intellectual and cultural assets.

Ernest "Ernie" Cockrell

Cockrell Interests

Ernie Cockrell is the Chairman of Cockrell Interests LLC, a diversified asset holding company, and President and director of The Cockrell Foundation, a private charitable foundation. Cockrell is also a Founder and past director of Amegy Bank of Texas and is a member of the All-American Wildcatters Association. He is the Chairman of the board of many major non-profits, including The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Board of Visitors, Houston Methodist Research Institute, the Sam Houston Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Greater Houston Community Foundation, The University of Texas College of Engineering Foundation, The Welch Foundation, and as the founding Chairman of Reasoning Mind Inc. He is a director emeritus of Pennzoil Company and a past trustee of the Cullen Trust for Health Care.

Jim Crane

Crane Capital/Crane Worldwide/Houston Astros

Jim Crane is the Owner and Chairman of the 2017 World Series Champion Houston Astros, the CEO of Crane Capital Group, Inc. and Chairman of Crane Worldwide Logistics. Crane Capital Group, Inc. is an investment management company Jim founded in 2006 and Crane Worldwide Logistics is a premier global provider of customized transportation and logistics services with 120 offices in 35 countries. He is also a director of three public companies: Nabors Industries, Cargojet, and Western Gas Holdings. Jim has embraced the opportunity to give back to the City of Houston and beyond, pledging \$4 million to relief efforts in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Harvey alongside the Astros ownership group and the Astros Foundation. He also facilitated the shipment of more than 240,000 pounds of disaster relief supplies to Puerto Rico in the wake of Hurricane Maria. One of his first initiatives as Astros Owner and Chairman was the creation of the Astros Community Leaders program, which won the prestigious Allan H. Selig Award for Philanthropic Excellence in 2017. This award is MLB's highest recognition of the charitable and philanthropic efforts of its clubs. In 2017, Jim was inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame and in 2018, Jim will be inducted into the St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame.

Jim "Mattress Mack" McIngvale

Gallery Furniture

Mattress Mack is the owner of Houston based furniture stores, Gallery Furniture, and a Co-Founder of the Clinton-Bush Foundation. McIngvale is also a big supporter of the military and the USO – aims to refurbish, redesign, and revitalize the more than 130 USO Centers around the world, and has become a USO Worldwide Strategic Partner Sponsor. For 30 years, Gallery Furniture has been holding its annual Christmas Giveaway, outfitting needy Houston area families' homes with brand new furniture. For the 30th anniversary of this tradition, 30 families received all new furniture, delivered by Gallery Furniture. Most recently, the extent of his philanthropic efforts with Hurricane Harvey greatly impacted the community and he is still finding ways to give-back.

David Weekley, David Weekley Homes

Dick Weekley, Texans for Lawsuit Reform/David Weekley Homes

Dick Weekley risked everything he owned for a line of credit and in 1976, with his brother David, they co-founded David Weekley Homes, now the largest privately-owned homebuilding company in the country with 2017 revenues of \$2 billion. Dick and David Weekley also founded Weekley Development Co., which develops and operates shopping centers and other real estate investments in Houston. On any given day, Weekley Team Members can be found raising money and volunteering for a variety of worthy causes. David himself gives half of his time and half of his personal income to non-profit charities. The David Weekley Family Foundation, established in 1990, practices a venture philanthropy model of giving and endows grants to early stage organizations worldwide to help them become profitable and sustainable on their own. Dick is also Co-Founder, Chairman and CEO of Texans for Lawsuit Reform, a statewide tort reform organization dedicated to bringing fairness and balance back to Texas' civil justice system.

Patricia Will

Belmont Village Senior Living

Patricia Will is the Co-Founder and CEO of Houston, Texas-based Belmont Village Senior Living. From the company's first community opening in 1998 to today at 24 operating properties and counting, Will has led Belmont Village from the early startup days through the launch of the operating company and first community opening to today as a thriving senior living pioneer. She currently serves as a board member of numerous academic and charitable institutions and is a recognized leader in senior living. Mrs. Will has played an integral role in setting standards and shaping policy for the industry.