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***Texas Highways'* Jill Lawless wins Lone Star Award**

(AUSTIN)—Highlighting a distinguished career, *Texas Highways* Magazine's Jill Lawless was named the 2014 *Lone Star Award* recipient from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), for her outstanding tenure and service to the Texas tourism industry. The award was presented at ceremonies held last night in South Padre Island.

Lawless is credited as one of the principal driving forces behind *Texas Highways* magazine, an award-winning flagship travel publication for all of Texas' diverse tourism destinations and colorful culture which features some 200,000 monthly subscribers. A 20-year veteran writer with TxDOT, she began as an intern with the magazine, and has climbed the ranks to its chief editor. She has influenced and shaped the content of *Texas Highways* through many of its transitions, including adding a digital online sector, and she was pivotal in a total magazine redesign for its 40th Anniversary this past year.

"Jill has been a fixture at *Texas Highways* Magazine for many years, and is one of the key contributing reasons that publication enjoys the notoriety and appeal to readers across the country that it does today," said Margo Richards, Director of the Travel Information Division. "She is a hard worker, a tireless professional and well deserving of this award."

Lawless is also renown for her genuine and professional management of staff, as well as word content of TxDOT publications, and represents *Texas Highways* at numerous events. Over the years, she has been involved as a primary contact for communities large and small from all corners of Texas, working to generate content for the state's official travel magazine.

The *Lone Star Award* was presented during the 59th annual Texas Travel Counselors Conference, a meeting of Texas travel professionals and representatives of TxDOT's Travel Information Division, the Texas Travel Industry Association, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the American Automobile Association (AAA), and city information centers.

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