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Texas Hospital Association PAC Endorses Dan Flynn for Texas House District 2

AUSTIN (January 20, 2010) – The Texas Hospital Association’s state political action committee, HOSPAC, has endorsed Dan Flynn (R-Canton) for Texas House District 2. One of the largest hospital associations in the country, THA represents more than 85 percent of the state’s hospitals and health care systems, which employ some 355,000 health care professionals statewide.

“Texas hospitals face numerous challenges in delivering care to our diverse, fast-growing population,” said Dan Stultz, M.D., FACP, FACHE, president/chief executive officer of the Texas Hospital Association. He noted that Texas continues to have the highest rate of uninsured in the nation, and if federal reform is enacted, Texas will face many infrastructure and budget challenges with its implementation. Some 70 percent of Texas are at or below 400 percent of poverty, and potentially will be eligible for Medicaid or government subsidies.

“Hospitals are major employers in the state, and workforce needs will grow as demand for services increases among those newly covered,” said Stultz. “Sound health care policies will be more important than ever, and Rep. Flynn has indicated a willingness to work with hospitals to address Texas’ health care issues.”

The 33-member HOSPAC board makes endorsements based on a candidate’s position on health care issues and input from local hospital representatives. Learn more about HOSPAC at www.HOSPAC.org.

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About the Texas Hospital Association

Founded in 1930, the Texas Hospital Association is the leadership organization and principal advocate for the state’s hospitals and health care systems. Based in Austin, THA enhances its members’ abilities to improve accessibility, quality and cost-effectiveness of health care for all Texans. Learn more at www.tha.org or follow THA on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/texashospitals>.