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POLICY CHAMPION NAMED BY COMBINED HEAT AND POWER INDUSTRY

Texas Senator Craig Estes sighted for his CHP related legislation

Austin, TX -- October 31, 2011 – The Texas Combined Heat and Power Initiative (TXCHPI), an association of business interests that supports CHP technology applications in industrial, commercial and institutional settings recently hosted CHP2011 in Houston. The event was attended by industry professionals from across the nation and has become one of the nation's largest CHP industry events.

At CHP2011 the industry recognized Texas Senator Craig Estes (Dist. 31, Wichita Falls) as its Policy Champion. The Policy Champion Award is given to an elected official or regulatory staff person that helps advance the use of CHP.

Estes helped secure passage of HB3268 in the Senate. The bill requires the Texas Commission for Environment Quality (TCEQ) to create air permitting regulations for combined heat and power (CHP) plants that recognize the inherent environmental benefits of CHP. The new permit is expected to help reduce regulatory burdens and system cost.

Senator Estes is the Vice Chairman for the Senate Natural Resources Committee and serves on the Bioenergy Policy Council, which was created through his legislative efforts to expand research and development of domestically produced alternative fuels to promote economic growth, and reduce our dependence on foreign energy.

“Senator Estes understood the need for this legislation and how it will eliminate regulatory burdens” said Executive Director, Paul Cauduro, “the legislation is a great step forward for energy efficiency, improved air quality and for reducing the amount of water used to generate electricity.”

About the TXCHPI

The Texas Combined Heat & Power Initiative (TXCHPI) is a non-profit association of business interests that supports clean, energy-efficient, CHP technology applications in industrial, commercial and institutional settings. TXCHPI champions CHP as the most effective, economical and environmentally sensible energy option for Texas.