

Awards Received by Senator Judith Zaffirini 1975-2012

2012

1. Naming of the *Senator Judith Zaffirini Student Success Center* by the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents at Texas A&M International University, Laredo, Texas, June 8, 2012.
2. *Senator Judith Zaffirini Scholarship*, an endowed scholarship for South Texas students at The University of Texas at Austin, established by the senator's son, Carlos Zaffirini Jr., September, 2012.
3. Honorary Chair, FAAN Walk for Food Allergy, Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network, 2012.
4. First Place, Feature Release, *Senator Zaffirini Casts 47,550th Consecutive Vote*, National Federation of Press Women Communication Contest, 2012.
5. First Place, News Release, *Texas Senate Passes Zaffirini's Bill Improving Academic Advising at Texas Colleges and Universities*, National Federation of Press Women Communication Contest, 2012.
6. Second Place, Newspaper Ad, Black and White, Institutional or image, *Senator Judith Zaffirini: A True Champion for Education Affordability, Accessibility*, National Federation of Press Women Communication Contest, 2012.
7. Third Place, Newsletter, *Senator Judith Zaffirini Reports to the Families of District 21*, National Federation of Press Women Communication Contest, 2012.
8. Sweepstakes Winner, for most points accumulated by an entrant for the following winning entries, in the Press Women of Texas Communications Contest, 2012:

9. First Place, Article, Supplement/Publication/Magazine, *Legislators Push Lake Safety*, Press Women of Texas Communications Contest, 2012.
10. First Place, Page Layout, Publication, *Senator Judith Zaffirini Reports to the Families of District 21*, Press Women of Texas Communications Contest, 2012.
11. First Place, Newspaper Ad, Black and White, Institutional or Image, *Senator Judith Zaffirini: A True Champion for Education Affordability, Accessibility*, Press Women of Texas Communications Contest, 2012.
12. First Place, Newsletter, One-to-three color, *Senator Judith Zaffirini Reports to the Families of District 21*, Press Women of Texas Communications Contest, 2012.
13. First Place, News Release, *Texas Senate Passes Zaffirini's Bill Improving Academic Advising at Texas Colleges and Universities*, Press Women of Texas Communications Contest, 2012.
14. First Place, Feature Release, *Senator Zaffirini Casts 47,550th Consecutive Vote*, Press Women of Texas Communications Contest, 2012.
15. First Place, Multiple Releases, *Zaffirini Bill Establishes Texas Science, Engineering and Mathematics Challenge Scholarship/Texas Senate Approves Zaffirini's Outcomes Based Funding Bill*, Press Women of Texas Communications Contest, 2012.
16. Second Place, Speech, *Senate Floor Speech in Opposition to Voter ID*, Press Women of Texas Communications Contest, 2012.
17. Second Place, Headlines, *Senator Judith Zaffirini Reports to the Families of District 21*, Press Women of Texas Communications Contest, 2012.
18. Second Place, Website content edited by entrant for government, *www.heget.posterous.com*, Press Women of Texas Communications Contest, 2012.
19. Second Place, Column, Personal Opinion, *Zaffirini Votes Against State Budget/ Statement from Senator Judith Zaffirini Regarding Goals Outlined*

by *UT System Board of Regents Chair Gene Powell*, Press Women of Texas Communications Contest, 2012.

20. Second Place, News Article, Non-Daily Newspaper, *Zaffirini Announces New Laws Effective this Month/Senator Zaffirini Announces Census Results for SD 21*, Press Women of Texas Communications Contest, 2012.
21. Second Place, Feature, Non-Daily Newspaper, *Zaffirini Wins Awards from Press Women of Texas*, Press Women of Texas Communications Contest, 2012.
22. Second Place, Feature, Daily Newspaper, *Hero of Hope: Senator Judith Zaffirini*, Press Women of Texas Communications Contest, 2012.
23. Second Place, Feature, Supplement/Publication/Magazine, *Zaffirini Puts Focus on Higher Education*, Press Women of Texas Communications Contest, 2012.
24. Second Place, Specialty Articles, Health, *Zaffirini Pushes Quality Health Care/Zaffirini Bill Extends Health Coverage to Students*, Press Women of Texas Communications Contest, 2012.
25. Third Place, Speech, *Senate Floor Speech in Opposition to Sanctuary Cities Legislation*, Press Women of Texas Communications Contest, 2012.
26. Honorable Mention, Speech, *Senate Floor Speech in Opposition to Committee Substitute to House Bill 2*, Press Women of Texas Communications Contest, 2012.
27. Honorable Mention, Specialty Articles, Government/Politics, *Texas Magazines Honor Zaffirini with "10 Best" & "Lord's Work" Awards, Senate Passes Legislation Protecting Children With Food Allergies*, Press Women of Texas Communications Contest, 2012.
28. Honorable Mention, Specialty Articles, Social Issues, *Bill Expands Parent Access to Child Care Quality Information, Women Veterans Program Bill Has Green Light*, Press Women of Texas Communications Contest, 2012.

29. Longhorn of the Year Award, *The Daily Texan*, awarded to the person "who had the most positive impact on the UT community throughout the 2011-12 academic year," 2012.
30. Texas Chapter Award, Texas Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired, in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of work for persons who are blind or visually impaired in Texas, 2012.
31. Horizon Award, Christian Life Commission, for leadership on higher education issues and addressing Texas' dropout problem, 2012.
32. Lone Star Award, Association of Substance Abuse Programs, for leadership on issues related to alcohol and substance abuse and treatment, 2012.
33. Friend of Education Award, Texas Computer Education Association, for leadership in efforts to make digital resources available to teachers and students, 2012.

2011

1. Carlos and Senator Judith Zaffirini Scholarship, an endowed scholarship established at Texas A&M International University, Laredo, Texas, by the Beaumont Foundation, April, 2011.
2. Best of the Texas Senate, Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas (CLEAT), for leadership during the 82nd Texas Legislative Session, 2011.
3. Appreciation Award, The Alamo Area Council of Governments, for serving as Keynote Speaker for the Semi-Annual Meeting, November, 2011.
4. PAL Hero Award, The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network, for outstanding effort in being a PAL and helping to Protect a Life from food allergies, 2011.
5. Hero of Hope, *Laredo Morning Times*, for outstanding leadership, 2011.
6. 10 Best Legislators, *Texas Monthly*, 2011.

7. People's Friend: Lord's Work, *Texas Observer*, 2011.
8. All Decades Teams, 1990s, *Capitol Inside*, 2011.
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10. Legislative Award, Texas Osteopathic Medical Association, for legislative leadership, 2011.
11. Legislative Award, Deaf-Blind Multihandicapped Association, for advocacy for persons with disabilities, 2011.
12. *Subiendo* Leadership Award, The University of Texas at Austin, for outstanding leadership, 2011.
13. Outstanding Service Award, Texas State Farm Agents PAC, for outstanding service to the citizens of Texas in the 82nd Legislature, 2011.
14. TCEP Award for Excellence in Service to Education, for service to education, Texas Center for Education Policy, 2011.
15. First Place, Feature, Non-Daily Newspaper, *Senator Zaffirini Pre-Files 44 Senate Bills*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2011.
16. First Place, Feature, Daily Newspaper, *Breaking the Vicious Cycle: Eliminating Child Abuse in Our Community*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2011.
17. Honorable Mention, Feature, Magazine, *Legislators to Debate Role of Technology in Higher Education*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2011.
18. First Place, Specialty Article, Health, *Zaffirini: Moral goal for Texans to receive services/Operation Lone Star Serves Community*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2011.
19. Second Place, Specialty Article, Education, *Zaffirini boosts education/Zaffirini puts focus on Higher Education*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2011.

20. Second Place, Specialty Article, Government, *Families a priority for Sen. Zaffirini/Senator encourages community feedback*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2011.
21. Second Place, Specialty Article: Social Issues, *Senator Zaffirini's Legislation Brings Child Safety Funding to Texas/Child Booster Seat Violations are Prosecutable June 1*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2011.
22. Second Place, Specialty Article, Travel, *Zaffirini helps protect local history/Sen. Zaffirini aims to preserve Falcon Lake*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2011.
23. Honorable Mention, Column, General, *In April, Give the Gift of Life/Census Important to Representation and Funding for South Texas*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2011.
24. Second Place, Column, Personal Opinion, *Let the sun shine in: Promoting open government in Texas/It's time to purge hurtful R-word from our speech*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2011.
25. Second Place, Newspaper Black & White, Institutional or Image, *Senator Judith Zaffirini Prioritizes Improving Higher Education in Texas*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2011.
26. First Place, Newspaper Ad, Black & White, Institutional or Image, *Senator Judith Zaffirini Champions Health and Human Services Issues*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2011.
27. First Place, Newspaper Ad, *Happy Mother's Day from the Zaffirini Family!*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2011.
28. Second Place, Newspaper Ad, Color, Single, *Happy Father's Day from the Zaffirini Family!*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2011.
29. First Place, Newspaper Ad, Color, Single, *Happy New Year from the Zaffirini Family!/Happy Thanksgiving from the Zaffirini Family!/Happy Holidays from the Zaffirini Family!*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2011.

30. First Place, Newsletter, *Senator Judith Zaffirini Reports to the Families of District 21*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2011.
31. First Place, Manuals and Handbooks, *Associa 5 Star Service*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2011.
32. First Place, News Release, *Senator Zaffirini Reminds Families of Deadline for Prepaid College Tuition Program*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2011.
33. Second Place, News Release, *Senator Zaffirini Named to Senate Redistricting Committee*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2011.
34. Third Place, Speech, *The Greatest Gifts: A Tribute to Joe and Teresa Lozano Long*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2011.
35. First Place, Speech, *Pandas, iPads, and Punctuation: Promoting Traditional Writing in an Anything Goes World*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2011.
36. Second Place, Manuals and Handbooks, *Associa 5 Star Service*, National Federation of Press Women Communication Contest, 2011.
37. Second Place, Newspaper, Black & White, Institutional or Image, *Senator Judith Zaffirini Champions Health and Human Services Issues*, National Federation of Press Women Communication Contest, 2011.
38. Honorable Mention, Speech, *Pandas, iPads, and Punctuation: Promoting Traditional Writing in an Anything Goes World*, National Federation of Press Women Communication Contest, 2011.

2010

1. Higher Education Leadership Award, Texas Association of Business, for contributions to higher education in Texas, 2010.
2. Third Place, Special Articles, *Texas Legislature Heightens Focus on Higher Education*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2010.

3. First Place, Newspaper Ad, Institutional or Image, Single, *Thank You for Another 17-County Victory!*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2010.
4. Second Place, Newspaper Ad, Institutional or Image, *Congratulations. Dr. Francisco Cigarroa, Chancellor, UT System*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2010.
5. Second Place, Newspaper Ad Institutional or Image, *Happy New Year from the Zaffirini Family*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2010.
6. Second Place, Series built around one subject, *Helping Texas Families live healthier lives as my priority. From Pre-Kindergarten to College, We Must Invest in All Students*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2010.
7. Second Place, Newsletter, One-to-three color, *Senator Judith Zaffirini Reports to the Families of District 21*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2010.
8. First Place, News or feature release (single release), *Zaffirini Sworn-in as 2nd Highest Ranking Senator, Zaffirini Sworn in for Fourth Term*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2010.
9. First Place, Speech, *Who Lives? Who dies? Who decides?*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2010.
10. Third Place, Speech, *True Texas Hero: Senator Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2010.
11. Big Voices for Little Texans Award, Texas CASA, for supporting legislation and funding supportive of foster youth in the 81st Texas Legislative Session, May 12, 2010.
12. Partner for Change, The Rape Crisis Center, for impacting the issue of sexual violence on a local, statewide, and national level, September 9, 2010.
13. Honorary Director, Border Olympics, for outstanding service to Laredo and support of Border Olympics, March 4, 2010,.

14. Texas Woman Award, Veteran Feminists of America, for contributions to the Women's movement, March 19, 2010.
15. Best of Texas Merit Award, Speech, Texas Public Relations Association's Silver Spur/Best of Texas Competition, for the Lamar University commencement speech *Who Lives? Who Dies? Who Decides*, Jan. 27, 2010.
16. Extension in the City Award, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, for championing Extension Service programs, March 3, 2010.

2009

1. Inaugural Champion for Nursing Education Award, Texas Association of Deans and Directors of Professional Nursing Programs, for hard work and commitment during the 81st Legislative Session to address the professional nursing shortage and support increased enrollment and graduation of new registered nurses, December 10, 2009.
2. Champion of Business and Education, Institute for Economic Development, The University of Texas at San Antonio, in appreciation of partnership and support, 2009.
3. Legislative Champion, Career Colleges & Schools of Texas, for legislative support of career colleges and schools, October, 2009.
4. Champion of Children, Amerigroup, for strong leadership on behalf of children, October 28, 2009.
5. Child Passenger Safety Champion, University Health System, for leadership, tenacity and commitment to enhancing the child passenger safety requirements in Texas, thereby reducing deaths and injuries to children, 2009.
6. Legislative Award, Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas, for leadership during the 81st Texas Legislative Session, 2009.

7. 2009 Texas Visionary Award, National MS Society, for work on key issues of importance to the National MS Society during the 81st Legislative Session, 2009.
8. Friend of Medicine Award, Texas Medical Association, for strong leadership on issues of critical importance to medicine, October 24, 2009.
9. Distinguished Hispanic Alumni and 2009 Scholarship Honoree, Texas Exes Hispanic Alumni Steering Committee, for being a distinguished Hispanic alumna, 2009.
10. Appreciation Award, The Texas Diabetes Council, for contribution toward a Texas free of diabetes and its complications during the 81st Texas Legislature, 2009.
11. First Place, Television single commercial or campaign built around one subject category, National Federation of Press Women Communication Contest, 2009.
12. Second Place, Newspaper Ad, Black & White, Institutional or Image, National Federation of Press Women Communication Contest, 2009.
13. Second Place, Newspaper Ad, Color, Institutional or Image, National Federation of Press Women Communication Contest, 2009.
14. Third Place, Marketing program or campaign for new or existing service or product category, National Federation of Press Women Communication Contest, 2009.
15. Honorable Mention, Newspaper, trade paper, magazine, newsletter or Website - print or electronic campaign or series built around one subject (b/w, color or spot color), Institutional or image, National Federation of Press Women Communication Contest, 2009.
16. TALAS Hero Government Award, Texas Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents, in appreciation for outstanding service to Texas education, 2009.
17. The People's Friend, *Texas Observer*, for tireless work on behalf of students and educators at all levels, 2009.

18. Tribute to Texas Children Award, Texas Elementary Principals and School Administrators, for outstanding service to Texas education, 2009.
19. Appreciation Award, Texas Child Passenger Safety Advocates, in recognition of dedication to protecting Texas children and the success of SB 61, relating to booster seats for children younger than eight, 2009.
20. Appreciation Award, American Civil Liberties Union, in recognition of protecting the civil rights of persons in Texas and outstanding advocacy for the Hispanic community, 2009.
21. Appreciation Award, Teaching & Mentoring Communities, for outstanding and unselfish dedication to the school readiness of the state's young children and success of the Texas Early Education Model (TEEM) since 2002, 2009.
22. Appreciation Award, Catholic Charities of Texas, in recognition of support for infant health mortality legislation, 2009.
23. 2009 Legislative Award, League of United Latin American Citizens, in recognition of outstanding advocacy for the Hispanic community in Texas, 2009.
24. Character Education Program Award, Peaceful Solution, in recognition for support of higher education in the community, 2009.
25. Merit Award, Speech, *President Vicente Fox: A Man for Others*, Texas Public Relations Association, 2009.
26. 2008-2009 Ann Faragher Sweepstakes Award, for most points accumulated by an entrant for winning entries, Press Women of Texas Communications Contest, 2009.
27. First Place, Newsletter, One-to-three color, *Senator Judith Zaffirini reports to the families of District 21*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2009.
28. First Place, News or feature release (single release), *Senator Zaffirini pre-files 45 bills for 2009 legislative session*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2009.

29. First Place, Speech, *President Vicente Fox: A Man for Others*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2009.
30. First Place, Newspaper Ad, Institutional or Image, *Happy Thanksgiving from the Zaffirini Family*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2009.
31. First Place, Newspaper Ad, Institutional or Image, *Happy Father's Day from the Zaffirini Family*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2009.
32. First Place, Marketing program or campaign for new or existing service or product category, *From Pre Kindergarten to College*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2009.
33. First Place, Radio single commercial or campaign built around one subject category, *Senator Judith Zaffirini for Senator*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2009.
34. First Place, Television single commercial or campaign built around one subject, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2009.
35. First Place, Newspaper trade paper magazine newsletter or Website, Print or electronic campaign or series built around one subject, Institutional or Image, *More than ever, we need Senator Judith Zaffirini, Helping Texas families live healthier*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2009.
36. First place, Single sheet poster/poster campaign/billboard/banner, Single sheet original poster category, *Now more than ever, we need Senator Judith Zaffirini*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2009.
37. First Place, Direct mail marketing, *Protecting South Texas families*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2009 .
38. Second Place, Newspaper Ad, Institutional or Image, *Death of Lt. 'Catis' Pappas Told by War Correspondent*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2009.

39. Second Place, Newspaper Ad, Institutional or Image,, *More than ever, we need Senator Judith Zaffirini*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2009.
40. Second Place, News or feature release (single release), *Deer hunting beginning this weekend*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2009.
41. Third Place, News or feature release (single release), *Senator Zaffirini promotes breast cancer awareness*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2009.
42. Third Place, Speech, *Thinking Regionally, Responding Globally*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2009.
43. Honorable Mention, Speech, *The Blood of Heroes Never Dies*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2009 .
44. Honorable Mention, Special articles government or politics category, *Zaffirini helps set funding priorities, Early childhood education key to success*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2009.
45. Laredoan of the Year, *Laredo Morning Times*, for outstanding public service as legislator and instrumental role in establishing Texas A&M International University in Laredo, 2009.

2008

1. 100 Most Influential Hispanics, *Hispanic Business*, 2008.
2. Quality of Life Award, The Texas Cord Blood Bank and The Blood & Tissue Center Foundation, for dedicated service and assistance which improves the quality of life for Texans of all generations insuring the availability of life saving medical treatment to those in need, 2008.
3. Appreciation Award, Starr County Retired School Employees Association, for continuing support of those who have served the school district, 2008.

4. 30 Stars Over Texas Award, Texas Council on Family Violence, in recognition of leadership in the domestic violence movement in Texas and commitment to create a violence free future for women, children and families, 2008.
5. Wind Champion Award, Wind Coalition, in recognition of vision, leadership and legislative efforts to impact the growing wind energy industry in the state, 2008.
6. Appreciation Award, Texas Council on Family Violence, in recognition of supporting domestic violence services and public awareness about family violence, 2008.
7. Public Servant of the Year Award, Coalition of Texans with Disabilities, in recognition of support of services for persons with disabilities, 2008.
8. La Madrina de Region Central Del Rio Bravo Award, Middle Rio Grande Development Council, in recognition for outstanding leadership and continued support of the many programs that impact the lives of our residents within the Middle Rio Grande region, 2008.
9. Appreciation Award, Texas State University, in appreciation of commencement address, Class of 2008, 2008.
10. 2007-2008 Outstanding Legislator Award and Title of "Alpha Doe," Texas Deer Association, in recognition of pioneering efforts and leadership for the deer industry of Texas, 2008.
11. Outstanding Service Award, La Salle County, in appreciation of dedication and outstanding service to La Salle County, 2008.
12. First Place in State, Most Points for Media Other Than Newspaper, Press Women of Texas Communications Contest, 2008.
13. Fifth Place in State, Number of Points Earned, Press Women of Texas 2008 Communication Contest.
14. First Place, Editorial/Opinion, *Perry's Cuts Could Force Tax Increase*, Daily newspaper, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2008.

15. First Place, Newspaper Ad, Black and White, Institutional or Image, *We must never forget what they risk for us*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2008.
16. Second Place, Newspaper Ad, Black and White, Institutional or Image, *We must never forget what they risk for us*, National Federation of Press Women Communication Contest, 2008.
17. First Place, Newsletter, One-to-three color, Public Relations, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2008.
18. Second Place, Speech, *Uniting Voices for Persons with Disabilities*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2008.
19. Third Place, Speech, *Footprints in the Sands of Time* (Introduction of Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst as Mr. South Texas 2008), Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2008.
20. Honorable Mention, Speech, *Renaissance Man* (Nomination of John Carona as President Pro Tempore of Senate), Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2008.
21. Honorable Mosaic Friend Award, Mosaic, in appreciation of support of issues affecting people with disabilities, 2008.
22. Appreciation Award, Texas Organ Sharing Alliance, for passing legislation creating the Donor Education Awareness Registry, 2008.
23. Laredo's Firsts Award, Laredo First United Methodist Church, honoring the first female Texas state senator from Laredo, 2008.
24. Appreciation Award, Little League Season Opening Ceremony, Pearsall, Texas, for support of Little League, 2008.
25. Best in Texas Merit Award, Speech, *If Momma Ain't Happy, Ain't Nobody Happy* (Roast of Senator Leticia Van De Putte), Texas Public Relations Association, 2008.
26. Best in Texas Merit Award, Opinion Article, *Perry Cuts Could Force Tax Increase*, Texas Public Relations Association, 2008.

27. Appreciation Award, Skills USA, for dedication and support for Skills USA, District 12, 2008.
28. Señora Internacional, LULAC, for outstanding public service career and leadership in establishing legislation for the benefit of young children's health and higher education, 2008.
29. Long Term Care Champion, Texas Health Care Association, for continued support, 2008.
30. Early Care & Education Champion, Texas Licensed Child Care Association, for support of early education, 2008.
31. Elected Official of the Year, Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce, for support during the 80th Legislative Session, 2008.
32. Certificate of Appreciation, Casa Amistad, for extensive and steadfast support of mental health for Texans, 2008.
33. The Best of the Texas Senate Award, Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas (CLEAT), for strong support of the brave men and women of Texas law enforcement, 2008.
34. Appreciation Award, Kristi Lin's Academy and Laredo Child Care Advocates, for continuous support in the education of all the children in the State of Texas, 2008.

2007

1. Appreciation Award, Catholic Charities, in recognition of support developing fetal and infant mortality legislation, 2007.
2. Beacon Award, Laredo Community College, for achievement and advancement of the Laredo community, 2007.
3. Godmother of Texas Children Award, Teaching & Mentoring Communities (TMC), Texas Early Childhood Education Coalition, State Center for Early

Childhood Development and Texas Early Education Model (TEEM), for dedication to the needs of the children of Texas, 2007.

4. Lifetime Membership Award, Texas RehabACTion Network (TRAN), for Distinguished Support of Public Vocational Rehabilitation in the Texas Legislature and Commitment in Service to Texans with Disabilities, 2007.
5. Appreciation Award, Texas RehabACTion Network (TRAN), for Distinguished Support of Public Vocational Rehabilitation in the Texas Legislature and Commitment in Service to Texans with Disabilities, 2007.
6. "Thanks to You" Award, Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance of Texas, for dedication and contributions to mental health, 2007.
7. Friend of Medicine Award, Texas Medical Association and HOSPAC, for support of health care and physicians in Texas, 2007.
8. Charles M. Bonjean Spirit of Collaboration Award, Collaborative for Children, in recognition of commitment to develop and sustain collaborations that strengthen service delivery systems for the children of Texas, 2007.
9. Robert C. Jeffrey College Benefactor Award, The University of Texas at Austin College of Communication, for support of the college's faculty and students, 2007.
10. Communicator of the Year Award, Texas Speech and Communication Association, for dedication to advancing excellence in speech communication education, 2007.
11. Child Advocate Award, Voices for Children of San Antonio, for service to the children of Bexar County and Texas, 2007.
12. Award of Appreciation, City of Laredo Mayor Raul G. Salinas and City Council Members, for outstanding work and support during the 80th legislative session, 2007.
13. Resolution honoring state Senator Judith Zaffirini, Texas Library Association, for continued leadership in supporting all Texas libraries, for being an outstanding champion and a longstanding leader in supporting

Texas academic, public and school libraries. The resolution also recognizes that Senator Zaffirini, as vice chair of the Senate Finance committee, worked tirelessly to secure additional resources for Texas libraries and sponsored riders to secure \$2.5 million per year for K-12 school library online resources and \$500,000 per year for the TexShare program, 2007.

14. Appreciation Award, Texas Deer Association, for loyal friendship and continued support , 2007.
15. Proclamation, San Antonio Water System Board of Trustees, honoring critical leadership in establishing sound water policy for the community and State and for the specific historic efforts made during the 80th legislative session to secure San Antonio's water supply, 2007.
16. Appreciation Award, Carrizo Springs Consolidated Independent School District, in appreciation for supporting the school district, 2007.
17. Appreciation Award, Carrizo Springs Housing Authority, for authoring Senate Bills 23 and 76 which created the Texas School Readiness Certification System, in grateful appreciation for participating in the education of the children of Dimmit, Zavala, Maverick, La Salle and Frio Counties, 2007.
18. Latina Trailblazer Award, Hispanic Women's Network of Texas, for accomplishments on behalf of Hispanic women in Texas, 2007.
19. People's Choice Award, Texas Association for Home Care, in recognition of defense for the constituent's right to receive, at reasonable cost, health and social services that allow persons to remain in their own homes, 2007.
20. Legislative Champion Award, Career Colleges and Schools of Texas, for strong support of the goals and objectives of the private, post-secondary education community, 2007.
21. Best of the Legislature, 80th Legislative Session, *Capitol Inside*, 2007.
22. Honor Roll, 80th Legislative Session, *Texas Realtor*, 2007.

23. Honorable Mention, Legislative Stars, Texas Classroom Teachers Association (TCTA), for continued support during the 80th Legislative Session, 2007.
24. Appreciation Certificate, Laredo Health Coalition, Mercy Ministries of Laredo, Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Office of Border Health, Laredo Community College, Texas A&M University, Doctors Hospital, Laredo Medical Center, DSHS-Border Immunization Initiative, Laredo ISD, and the Border Region MHMR, for dedication and tireless efforts in supporting Operation Lone Star 2007, 2007.
25. Leadership Award, Arc of Texas, for outstanding support of and advocacy for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, 2007.
26. Appreciation Award, Parkinson's Action Network, for support of the advancement of stem cell research, 2007.
27. First Place, "Other", Group, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2007.
28. Fourth Place, Ann Faragher Sweepstakes Award, for most points accumulated by an entrant for winning entries, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2007.
29. First Place, Non-fiction book, Autobiography, *If Judy Pappas Can Do It, Anybody Can*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2007.
30. Second Place, Non-fiction book, Autobiography, *If Judy Pappas Can Do It, Anybody Can*, National Federation of Press Women Communication Contest, 2007.
31. First Place, Speech, *Who Lives? Who Dies? Who Decides?*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2007.
32. Second Place, News or Feature Release (Single Release), *Senator Pre-files 20 Bills*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2007.
33. Second Place, Speech, *Governor Royce West: His best is yet to be*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2007.

34. Third Place, News or Feature Release (Single Release), *Senator Zaffirini Appointed Chair of Senate Subcommittee on Capital Funding for Higher Education*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2007.
35. Honorable Mention, Print Media Advertising, Black and White Display, *Happy Holidays from the Zaffirini Family*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2007.

2006

1. Mirabeau B. Lamar Medal, Association of Texas Colleges and Universities, for exceptional service to Texas higher education, beyond service to a single institution, 2006.
2. Excellence in Patient Advocacy Award, Texas Dental Association, for leadership in helping dentists achieve their legislative goals, 2006.
3. Our Founding Leader in Health Education Award, Mid Rio Grande Border Area Health Education Center (AHEC), in recognition of legislative contributions benefitting AHEC programs as well as health and human services and education programs throughout AHEC's 38-county region, 2006.
4. Honorary Nun, *Sister Judith*, Sisters of Mercy and Mercy Ministries of Laredo, for support of health and welfare legislation, personal commitment to its expansion and provision to all people, and collaborative efforts dedicated toward improving and enhancing health and human services for all Texas families, 2006.
5. First Place, Black and White Advertisement, *Reading with Children is a Gift of Love and Joy*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2006.
6. Second Place, News Release, *Senator Zaffirini Presents First Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2006.
7. Second Place, Speech, *Payback: A Roast of Senator Rodney Ellis; A Roast of Senator Rodney Ellis*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2006.

8. Third Place, Speech, *Everything I Need to Know about David Dewhurst I Learned in the Ladies Restroom; A Roast of Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2006.
9. Honorable Mention, Newsletter, One-to-Three Color, *Senator Judith Zaffirini Reports to the Families of District 21*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2006.
10. Honorable Mention, News Release, *Veterans Who Sacrificed Own Education Honored by New Texas Law*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2006.
11. Appreciation Award, The University of Texas School of Law, in appreciation of commencement speech at the Sunflower Ceremony, May 20, 2006.
12. Award of Recognition, U.S. Border Patrol and U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in recognition of outstanding contribution honoring the youth of Laredo, 2006.
13. Award of Distinction, Writing/Speech, *Everything I Need to Know about David Dewhurst I Learned in the Ladies Restroom: A Roast of Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst*, The Communicator Awards Print Media Competition, 2006.
14. Award of Distinction, Design/Newsletter, *Senator Judith Zaffirini Reports to the Families of District 21*, The Communicator Awards Print Media Competition, 2006.
15. Award of Distinction, Writing, *If Judy Pappas Can Do It, Anybody Can!*, The Communicator Awards Print Media Competition, 2006.
16. Honorable Mention, Newsletter/Government, *Senator Judith Zaffirini Reports to the Families of District 21*, The Communicator Awards Print Media Competition, 2006.
17. Texas Hospital Advocacy Tribute, Texas Hospital Association, for appreciation of support for hospital advocacy support, 2006.

18. Texas Advocacy Award, American Cancer Society, for appreciation of support, 2006.

2005

1. Congressional Award, Century Council, for outstanding commitment to fighting drunk driving, alcohol abuse and underage drinking, 2005.
2. 10 Best Legislators, *Texas Monthly*, 2005.
3. Top Texas Legislators, *Gallery Watch*, 2005.
4. Top Texas Legislators, *Capitol Inside*, 2005.
5. Champion for Social Change Award, Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA), in recognition of strives in social change, 2005.
6. Leadership Award, Texas Migrant Council, in appreciation of authorship and funding of Senate Bills 23 and 76 for early childhood education, Texas Early Education Model, 2005.
7. Public Servant of the Year, Coalition of Texans with Disabilities, in recognition of public service, 2005.
8. Public Policy Leadership Award, Texas Transplantation Society and the Texas Renal Coalition, in recognition of leadership in public policy, 2005.
9. Champion Fight Against Drunk Driving Award, The Century Council, in appreciation of support against the fight against drunk driving, 2005.
10. Legislator of the Year, Texas Advocates, in recognition of legislative accomplishments, 2005.
11. Legislator of the Year, Texas Association for the Education of Young Children, in appreciation of support, 2005.
12. Senator of the Year, Texas Organization of Community and Rural Hospitals (TORCH), in appreciation of support of community and rural hospitals, 2005.

13. Legislator of the Year, Brain Injury Association, in appreciation of continued support for healthcare, 2005.
14. Legislator Champion Award, Texas Association of Community Health Center, Inc. (TACHC), in appreciation of support of healthcare facilities and service providers, 2005.
15. First Place, Public Service Advertisement, *Death of Lt. "Catis" Pappas Told by War Correspondent Was First Casualty in Area*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2005.
16. First Place, Speech, Manuscript Speech, *Introduction of Congressman Henry Bonilla: Mr. South Texas*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2005.
17. Second Place, Speech, Manuscript Speech, *Introduction of Congressman Henry Bonilla: Mr. South Texas*, National Federation of Press Women Communication Contest, 2005.
18. Second Place, Newsletter, One-to-Three Color–*Senator Judith Zaffirini Reports to the Families of District 21*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2005.
19. Third Place, Speech, *The University of Texas at Austin College of Communication Commencement Address*, Press Women of Texas 2005 Communication Contest, 2005.
20. Honorable Mention, Speech, *Dr. Teresa Lozano Long: UT's Own Mother Theresa; A Roast of Dr. Teresa Lozano*, Press Women of Texas 2005 Communication Contest, 2005.
21. Bronze Award, Speech, *Teresa Lozano Long: UT's Own Mother Theresa; A Roast of Dr. Teresa Lozano*, Texas Public Relations Association Best of Texas Awards Communication Contest, 2005.
22. Appreciation Award, City of Rio Bravo, in appreciation of dedication and enthusiasm for Rio Bravo Day at the Capitol, 2005.

23. Appreciation Award, Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce, in appreciation of support, 2005.
24. Appreciation Award, Phi Kappa Phi honor society at Texas A&M International University, in appreciation of support, 2005.
25. Appreciation Award, Texas A&M University System, Chancellor's Century Council, and the Association of Former Students of Texas A&M University, in recognition of leadership and support of Texas higher education, 2005.
26. Appreciation Award, The Texas Exes, The University of Texas Ex-Students Association, in recognition of significant accomplishments and dedicated service to higher education and bringing distinction to The University of Texas, 2005.

2004

1. Naming of the *Senator Judith Zaffirini Library* by the Laredo Community College Board of Trustees at Laredo Community College South, 2004.
2. Champion for Children, Children's Advocacy Center of Laredo-Webb County, in appreciation of support of children, 2004.
3. Champion for Children, The Equity Center, in appreciation of support of children, 2004.
4. Champion for Children, Amerigroup, in appreciation of support of children, 2004.
5. Champion for Education, Region I Education Service Center, in recognition of education support, 2004.
6. Lifetime Service Award, Texas A&M International University Student Government Association, in recognition of public service, 2004.
7. Higher Education Leadership Award, UT Chancellor's Council, for achievements on behalf of higher education in Texas, 2004.

8. Distinguished Service Award, Juvenile Justice Center Association of Texas, in recognition of service and support, 2004.
9. Legislative Service Award for River Protection, Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club, in appreciation for authorship and passage of Senate Bill 55, the river protection bill, 2004.
10. Texas Advocacy Award, American Cancer Society, for outstanding legislative advocacy toward cancer prevention through leadership on cigarette taxation, 2004.
11. Outstanding Texas State Leader, John Ben Shepperd Leadership Institute, in recognition of leadership in the Texas Senate, 2004.
12. Texas Medicine's Best 12 Legislators, Texas Medical Association's TEXPAC, in recognition of legislative contributions to the medical community, 2004.
13. Americans Disabled for Attendant Programs Today (ADAPT) Award, AIDS Coalition of Texas Now, in appreciation for leadership on legislative issues affecting the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS, 2004.
14. Texas Kinicare Symposium Champions Recognition, AARP, in appreciation of legislative efforts to help Texas families, 2004.
15. Legislative Excellence Award, Texas Municipal Police Association, for continued support , 2004.
16. Legislative Award (2003), Texas Pediatric Society, in appreciation for continued support of pediatric healthcare, 2004.
17. Golden Bootie Award, Children's Hospital Association of Texas, for outstanding leadership and commitment to improving children's lives in Texas, 2004.
18. Appreciation Award, Home Care Hero, in appreciation for tireless work in making home care service available and accessible to Texas' aged and disabled, 2004.

19. Longhorn Legend, Texas Exes, The University of Texas Ex-Students Association, Laredo Chapter, in recognition of distinguished alumni , 2004.
20. Honorary Doctor of Music Degree, Laredo Philharmonic Orchestra, 2004.
21. Appreciation Award, South Texas Family Support Conference, San Antonio State Hospital, and HAVEN, in appreciation of support, 2004.
22. Appreciation Award, Laredo Crime Stoppers, in recognition of outstanding accomplishments and contributions to provide a safe secure community to our citizens, 2004.
23. Appreciation Award, 2004 El Día De Los Niños, Texas Migrant Council, Inc., in appreciation of support, 2004.
24. Appreciation Award, Middle Rio Grande Development Council Board of Directors & Staff, for continued support and commitment to nine regions, 2004.
25. Appreciation Award, Texas Migrant Council, Inc., for extraordinary dedication and support to early childhood education by authoring and passing Senate Bill 76 and establishing the Texas Early Education Model Pilot (TEEM), 2004.
26. Appreciation Award, Parade Marshal, Crystal City Spinach Festival, for outstanding and continued support, 2004.
27. Appreciation Award, South Texas Association of Schools, in recognition of remarkable work during the 78th Legislative Session, especially for her fight related to Senate Bill 929, which would have abolished education service centers, and for leadership in funding the Instructional Facilities Allotment, 2004.
28. Appreciation Award, Physical Medicine Department at Laredo Medical Center, for many years of caring and dedicated service to people of South Texas, 2004.
29. Appreciation Award, Live Oak Lions Club, for support of the Live Oak Lions Club and City of Live Oak Memorial Day Parade and Dedication, 2004.

30. First Place, Speech, *Life's Final Star Is Brotherhood: An Introduction of Doctors Francisco and Ricardo Cigarroa, Mistery South Texas 2004*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2004.
31. Second Place, Speech, *Life's Final Star Is Brotherhood: An Introduction of Doctors Francisco and Ricardo Cigarroa, Mistery South Texas 2004*, National Federation of Press Women Communication Contest, 2004.
32. Best of Texas Bronze Award, Speech, *Life's Final Star Is Brotherhood: An Introduction of Doctors Francisco and Ricardo Cigarroa, Mistery South Texas 2004*, "Texas Public Relations Association, 2004.
33. Second Place, Speech, *Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst: A Triple Oxymoron; A Roast of Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst*, Press Women of Texas 2004 Communication Contest
34. Second Place, News Release, *Senate Passes Zaffirini's Bill Creating Penalty for DWI with a Child*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2004.
35. Honorable mention, News Release, *Rural, Minority voting Rights in Jeopardy in Congressional Re-Redistricting Plan*, Press Women of Texas Communication Contest, 2004.
36. *Who's Who of Professionals, 2004.*
37. *Marquis Who's Who of American Women, 2004.*
38. *Who's Who in the South and Southwest, 2004.*

2003

1. Distinguished Alumna, The University of Texas at Austin, in recognition of distinguished accomplishments, 2003.
2. Legislative Star, Texas Classroom Teachers Association, in recognition of continued legislative excellence in education policy, 2003.

3. Legislative Excellence Award, Texas Municipal Police Association, for continued support, 2003.
4. Legislator of the Year, Texas Pediatric Society, for continued legislative efforts in pediatric healthcare, 2003.
5. Mover and Shaker of the 78th Legislative Session, Associated Press (article by Connie Mabin), 2003.
6. Hardest Working Legislator and a Top Role Player, *Capitol Inside*, 2003.
7. Top Five Legislators in the Texas Senate, *Gallery Watch*, 2003.
8. Public Servant of the Year, Coalition of Texans With Disabilities, for continued legislative efforts to help Texans with disabilities, 2003.
9. Legislative Award, Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas (CLEAT), for continued support of law enforcement, 2003.
10. "Legislative Standouts: Those who impressed", *Dallas Morning News*, 2003.
11. Legislative Excellence Award, State Independent Living Council, in recognition of long standing efforts to address the concerns of the disability constituency through effective public policy, 2003.
12. Honorable Mention, 10 Best Legislators, *Texas Monthly*, 2003.
13. Order of Los Dos Laredos Award, Laredo Chamber of Commerce, in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Laredo area, 2003.
14. Shining Star, Laredo Community College Honors Program, in recognition of accomplishments as a legislator, 2003.
15. Youth Advocacy Award, for promoting and strengthening youth and family services in Texas, Texas Network of Youth Services, 2003.
16. Angel of the Week (April 25), Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston, in appreciation of support, 2003.

17. El Sol Award, Ninth Annual South Texas Family Support Conference, for continued support, 2003.
18. Presidential Award for Excellence in Leadership, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, for outstanding leadership, 2003.
19. Honorary Colonel of Fort Inge, Texas, Uvalde County Commissioners Court, 2003.
20. John F. Kennedy Leadership Award, Bexar County Democratic Party, in recognition of outstanding leadership in the Democratic Party, 2003.
21. First Place, Newsletter, One-to-Three Color, *Senator Judith Zaffirini Reports to the Families of District 21*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest, 2003.
22. First Place, Speech, *Gary G. Jacobs, Mr. South Texas*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest, 2003.
23. Best of Texas Merit Award, Speech, *Gary G. Jacobs, Mr. South Texas*, Texas Public Relations Association Communication Contest, 2003.
24. Appreciation Award, Region One Education Service Center, in recognition of outstanding contributions and achievements in bilingual education that benefitted and enriched the education and lives of all children in Texas, 2003.
25. Appreciation Award, Thomas Jefferson Intermediate School Hispanic Mother/Daughter Program, in recognition as an outstanding Hispanic female role model, 2003.
26. Appreciation Award, Texas Pediatric Society, in recognition of efforts on behalf of Texas Pediatricians and all Texas Children during the 78th Legislative Session, 2003.
27. *Who's Who of American Women, 2003*
28. *Who's Who in America, 2003*
29. *Who's Who of Professionals, 2003*

30. *National Register's Who's Who In Executives and Professionals, 2003.*
31. *Strathmore's Who's Who, 2003.*

2002

1. Champion for Children, Amerigroup Foundation, for hard work and tireless efforts as a member of the Senate Finance Committee and a key member on the Medicaid Work Group to ensure adequate funding for Medicaid and CHIP programs, 2002.
2. Leadership Award, Christus Santa Rosa Children's Hospital, in recognition of authoring and passing Senate Bill 43, Medicaid simplification, and for continuing leadership on behalf of the children in Texas, 2002.
3. Legislative Champion, Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas (ICUT), for continued legislative efforts in education policy, 2002.
4. Outstanding Leadership Award, Retos (Challenges) of Mexico, El Instituto de Atención Integral al Discapacitado Retos, for role in hosting 50 adults with disabilities from Mexico for an all-expense paid weekend of activities in Laredo, 2002.
5. United Hearts of Texas Award, American Heart Association Laredo Chapter, in recognition of continued excellence in healthcare legislation, 2002.
6. Public Servant of the Year, San Antonio Celebrates the American Disabilities Act, for generous support and community spirit, 2002
7. Leadership Award, Texas Office for Prevention of Developmental Disabilities (TOP), for years of leadership and for passing Senate Bill 1527, creating TOP, 2002.
8. Frank J. Tejada Award, Texas State Teachers Association, in appreciation for outstanding public service for significant contributions and services provided to Texas on behalf of public school children and educational employees, 2002.

9. Patiente Protectorae Award, Texas Medical Association's TEXPAC, in recognition of excellence, 2002.
10. Tribute Award for Legislative Leadership in Disability Policy, United Cerebral Palsy of Texas, in recognition of continued support, 2002.
11. Presidents' Award for Excellence in Higher Education, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and Texas A&M International University, in recognition of continued excellence in education policy, 2002.
12. Legislative Leadership Award, Laredo Chamber of Commerce, in recognition of legislative leadership, 2002.
13. First Place, Manuals and Handbooks, *City of Laredo Protocol Handbook*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest, 2002.
14. Second Place, News Release, *Zaffirini casts 25,000th consecutive vote in Texas Senate*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest, 2002.
15. Third Place, Newsletter, One-to-Three Color, *Senator Zaffirini Reports to the Families of District 21*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest, 2002.
16. Best of Texas Merit Award, Newsletter, One-to-Three Color, *Senator Zaffirini Reports to the Families of District 21*, Texas Public Relations Association 2002.
17. Appreciation Award, Laredo Crime Stoppers, for outstanding support and assistance to the Crime Stoppers concept of continuing efforts to combat crime and maintain a safe community, 2002.
18. Appreciation Award, Live Oak Lions Club, in appreciation for serving as Grand Marshal and Speaker of the Fourth of July parade, 2002.
19. Appreciation Award, Randolph Metrocom Chamber of Commerce, in recognition of support for the Metrocom area, 2002.

20. Appreciation Award, Texas District and County Attorneys Association, in grateful recognition of generous contribution to prosecutors and the State of Texas, 77th Legislative Session, 2002.
21. Appreciation Award, Texas Library Association, in appreciation of dedication to libraries throughout Texas, especially to those in South Texas and of keynote speech at the Annual Conference, 2002.
22. Appreciation Award, Texas Child Fatality Review Team, in appreciation of support, 2002.
23. Appreciation Award, Center for Mexican American Studies of The University of Texas at Austin, for leadership in Texas education and for being the Graduation Speaker, 2002.
24. Appreciation Award, Rural Community Health System of Texas, in appreciation of the contributions made in the development of the Rural Community Health System, 2002.
25. *Who's Who in America, 2002.*
26. *Who's Who of American Women, 2002.*
27. *Who's Who in the South and Southwest, 2002.*
28. *America's Registry of Outstanding Professionals, 2002.*

2001

1. 10 Best Legislators, *Texas Monthly, 2001.*
2. *Senator Judith Zaffirini Medal*, namesake of medals presented usually to a faculty member and to a student for accomplishments in scholarship and leadership, Texas A&M International University, for Distinguished Scholarship and Leadership, 2001.
3. Legislator of the Year, American Diabetes Association, in appreciation of support, 2001.

4. The Best of the Legislature, *Hispanic Journal* magazine, in recognition of leadership and support in the Hispanic community, 2001.
5. Senate Advocacy Award, Texas LULAC, in recognition for advocacy for the Hispanic community, 2001.
6. Leadership for Libraries Award, Texas Library Association, in recognition of support, 2001.
7. Legislative Star, Texas Classroom Teachers Association, for continued legislative leadership, 2001.
8. Distinguished Public Service as a Friend of Languages, Texas Foreign Language Association, in appreciation of support in the foreign languages, 2001.
9. Legislator of the Year, Texas State Foster Parents, for legislative leadership, 2001.
10. Texas All Star, Texas State Technical College System, 2001.
11. Leadership and Support Award, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, in appreciation of support, 2001.
12. Leadership Appreciation Award, Border Region Community MHMR, in recognition of leadership within the community, 2001.
13. Appreciation Award, League of Women Voters of Texas, in appreciation of support, 2001.
14. Outstanding Legislative Initiative, League of Women Voters of Texas, for outstanding support, 2001.
15. Legislative Leadership Award, Texans Against Sexual Assault, in recognition of legislative leadership and continued support against sexual assault, 2001.
16. Pioneer Award, Webb County Domestic Violence Coalition, for being a visionary, pioneer, and leader in the fight against domestic violence, 2001.

17. First Place, Speech, *If Judy Pappas can do it, ANYBODY can!*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest, 2001.
18. Second Place, Speech, *If Judy Pappas can do it, ANYBODY can!*, National Federation of Press Women Communication Contest, 2001.
19. First Place, Newsletter, One-to-Three Color, *Senator Zaffirini Reports to the Families of District 21*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest, 2001.
20. First Place, Newspaper Ad, Trade Paper or Magazine, Black and White Display. *Re-elect Judith Zaffirini*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest, 2001.
21. Second Place, News Release, *Census 2000 to Reflect District's Changing Demographics*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest, 2001.
22. Appreciation Award, Greater San Antonio Hotel/Motel Assn. and the San Antonio Area Tourism Council, in recognition of support and dedication to the San Antonio Tourism Industry and for continued advocacy on behalf of more than 78,000 San Antonio employees, 2001.
23. Appreciation Award, the Century Council, in recognition of longstanding commitment and leadership in the fight to end drunk driving in the State of Texas, 2001.
24. Appreciation Award, Guerra Communications and Judge Danny Valdez, for unselfish dedication and untiring efforts in addressing the varied needs of Senatorial District 21; for outstanding leadership and record of achievement as Texas State Senator; and for special friendship, support, and promotion of the goals of the South Texas Media, 2001.
25. Appreciation Award, Laredo City Council, in recognition of perseverance and continuing support on behalf of the City of Laredo, 2001.
26. Appreciation Award, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, for support throughout the 77th Legislative Session, 2001.

27. Appreciation Award, United Ways of Texas, for being instrumental in the funding and awareness of 211 Texas, 2001.
28. Appreciation Award, Texas Chapters of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, in appreciation of support, 2001.
29. Appreciation Award, American Heart Association-South Texas Border Region 14, for outstanding effort in support of research and education to conquer heart disease and stroke, 2001.
30. Appreciation Award, Bexar County Medical Society, for continued support, 2001.
31. Recognition Award, U.S. Border Patrol, Laredo Sector, for outstanding support of “Head of the Class” and “Youth of the Month” programs, 2001.
32. *Who’s Who in American Politics, 2001.*
33. *Who's Who of American Women, 2001.*
34. *Who’s Who in the Southwest, 2001.*
35. Appreciation Award, Zapata High School, 2001.

2000

1. Laureate 2000 Business Hall of Fame, Junior Achievement of Laredo, for accomplishments as a businesswoman (Owner, Zaffirini Communications), 2000.
2. Naming of the *Senator Judith Zaffirini Road* by the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife at Laredo International State Park, 2000.
3. Friend of Education, Region One Education Service Center Superintendents, for uncompromising efforts on behalf of the children, public school employees, parents, and taxpayers in our seven-county area, 2000.
4. Government Honoree, *La Prensa* Foundation of San Antonio, named in a salute to Latina women in action, 2000.

5. Abrecaminos 2000 Calendar Women Advancing Women, Texas A&M International University Laredo, for providing inspiration and leadership to the women of Texas, 2000.
6. Ambassador for Education, Cigarroa High School, in recognition of support, 2001.
7. First Place, Speech, *Dedication Speech at the naming of the Senator Judith Zaffirini Elementary School*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest, 2000.
8. Second Place, Newsletter, One-to-Three Color, *Senator Judith Zaffirini Reports to the Families of District 21*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest, 2000.
9. Third Place, News Release, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest, 2000.
10. Appreciation Award, Laredo Animal Protective Society, for dedication and commitment to the protection of animals, 2000.
11. Appreciation Award, Texas Classroom Teachers Association, in recognition and deep appreciation for outstanding dedication to the needs of students, teachers, and education in general, 2000.
12. Appreciation Award, South Texas Community College Board of Trustees, President, Faculty, Staff, and Students, for outstanding leadership and visionary endeavors to enhance the educational advancement of the Rio Grande Valley and for considerable contributions to the college's continued success, 2000.
13. Appreciation Award, Webb County Community Resource Centers, with deep appreciation for and in grateful recognition of unselfish dedication to providing services for the residents of the colonias, 2000.
14. Appreciation Award, Communities in Schools, for being instrumental in bringing the CIS Program to Laredo and for continued support, 2000.

1999

1. Naming of the *Senator Judith Zaffirini Elementary School* by the United Independent School District Board of Trustees in Laredo, Texas, 1999.
2. Naming of the *Judith Zaffirini Center* by the Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans in Edinburg, Texas. The center is dedicated to rehabilitating persons who abused drugs and to developing anti-drug abuse leadership, 1999.
3. Mr. South Texas, Washington's Birthday Celebration Association, Laredo, Texas, 1999.
4. Texas Women of the Century, Women's Chamber of Commerce of Texas, for being an outstanding example of leadership for Texas women, 1999.
5. State of Israel Millennium Award, 1999.
6. Pioneer Award, National Osteoporosis Foundation, for outstanding leadership, 1999.
7. ¡Adelante! U.S. Education Leadership Fund, for continued commitment to education, 1999.
8. Leadership Award, Greater San Antonio Hospital Council, for outstanding leadership, 1999.
9. True Grit Award, American Cancer Society, Texas Division Board of Directors, for remarkable courage, perseverance, and true grit in being willing to endure the toughest tests of resolve during the legislative tobacco wars of the 1990s, 1999.
10. Leadership Award, Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce (TAMACC), in recognition and appreciation of contributions to the Hispanic Community, 1999.
11. Honorary President of the República del Rio Grande, City of Laredo, 1999.

12. 25-Year Member Recognition, National Federation of Press Women and Texas Press Women (temporarily named Texas Professional Communicators), 1999.
13. First Place, Speech, *From Scholarship to Leadership*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest, 1999.
14. Second Place, Newsletter, One-to-Three Color– *Senator Zaffirini Reports to the Families of District 21*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest, 1999.
15. Second Place, News Release, Media Advisory, *Grand Opening Ceremonies of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's Laredo Office*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest, 1999.
16. Honorable Mention, Personal Columns, Informational Government, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest, 1999.
17. Best of Texas Bronze Award, Publications, Other, *20 Dozen Tips For Better Communication and Leadership Skills*, Texas Public Relations Association, 1999.
18. Appreciation Award, City of Laredo, for outstanding legislative work, 1999.
19. Appreciation Award, Laredo Border Counselors Association, for exemplary and unfailing dedication to Texas School Counselors, 1999.
20. Appreciation Award, Laredo Federation of Teachers Union, for legislation that Impacted Texas educational systems, their students, and educators, 1999.
21. Appreciation Award, Laredo Health Service Delivery Area HIV/AIDS Services Consortia, for outstanding efforts and significant contributions against HIV/AIDS in the community, 1999.
22. Appreciation Award, San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, for commitment and dedication to San Antonio and Bexar County during the 76th Texas Legislature, 1999.

23. Appreciation Award, South Texas Community College, for outstanding leadership and visionary endeavors to enhance the educational advancement of the Rio Grande Valley, and her considerable contributions to the College's continued success, 1999.
24. Appreciation Award, Teachers of Laredo, in appreciation of support, 1999.
25. Appreciation Award, Students' Association, University of Houston, for outstanding performance and commitment to excellence that is making the difference, 1999.
26. Appreciation Award, ¡Adelante! (Forward) Leadership Institute, in appreciation of continued support, 1999.
27. Appreciation Award, Laredo Crime Stoppers, for outstanding support and assistance to the Crime Stoppers concept of continuing efforts to combat crime and maintain a safe community, 1999.

1998

1. Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and Gateway Rotary Club-Laredo, in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world, 1998.
2. John E. Hutchison Extension Visionary, Specialists' Association of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, for continued leadership, 1998.
3. Week of the Young Child Award, Laredo Independent School District, for unwavering commitment to the children of Laredo, 1998.
4. First Hall of Fame inductee, G&G Basketball Camp of Champs, Laredo, Texas, 1998.
5. Helen Farabee Leadership Award, Texas Perinatal Association, in recognition of exemplary leadership in promoting the quality of health care of mothers and babies in Texas, 1998.

6. LBJ Lifetime Service Award, Texas Democratic Party, for outstanding leadership in the Texas Democratic Party, 1998,
7. First Place, Personal Columns, Government, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest, 1998.
8. Second Place, Public Relations Printed Materials, Newsletter, One-to-Three Color, *Senator Judith Zaffirini Reports to the Families of District 21*, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest, 1998.
9. Third Place, News Releases, Single Release, Texas Professional Communicators, 1998.
10. Honorable Mention, Speeches, Texas Professional Communicators Communication Contest, 1998.
11. Silver Medal, Best of Texas, Special Event, Governor-for-a-Day Ceremony Texas Public Relations Association, 1998.
12. Appreciation Award, United Independent School District, Help One Student to Succeed (HOSTS) Teachers, in recognition and deep appreciation for outstanding service, 1998.
13. Appreciation Award, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, for leadership and support, 1998.
14. Recognition Award, United Way of Laredo, for helping the people of Laredo, 1998.

1997

1. 10 Best Legislators, *Texas Monthly*, 1997.
2. President Pro Tempore of the Texas Senate, January-May, 1997.
3. Governor of Texas, April 19, 1997.
4. Legislative Star, Texas Classroom Teachers Association, for the continued support of teachers, 1997,

5. Legislative Leadership Award, Texas Council on Family Violence, for support of funding for family violence services, 1997.
6. Outstanding Legislator, Texas Counseling Association, for legislative leadership, 1997.
7. Texas Medicine's Best Legislator Award, Texas Medical Association, for outstanding legislative leadership in healthcare policy, 1997.
8. Legislator of the Year, Texas Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), for continued commitment to education, 1997.
9. Legislator of the Year, American Heart Association Texas Affiliate, for outstanding legislative efforts to improve the health of Texans, 1997.
10. Legislative Leadership Award, The Kids at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, for recognition of legislative leadership, 1997.
11. Public Health Advocate, American Lung Association of Texas, for authoring and passing Senate Bill 55, restricting youth's access to tobacco, 1997.
12. Legislative Award, South Texas Counseling Association, for excellence in the 70th Legislative Session, 1997
13. 10 Best Legislators from a Family Lawyer's Perspective, State Bar of Texas, in appreciation of support, 1997.
14. Texas Star, *Dallas Morning News*, June, 1997.
15. Legislator Special Recognition, Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards, for significant contributions as a dedicated advocate on behalf of the children and families of the State of Texas, 1997.
16. Award of Excellence, South Texas Educational and Training Coalition, for support and dedication to all Early Childhood Advocates in the South Texas area and the children that they serve, 1997.
17. Patient Advocacy Award, Texas Academy of Family Physicians, for tireless efforts to improve the health of patients in Texas, 1997.

18. Leadership Award, Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce (TAMACC), for leadership within the Hispanic community, 1997.
19. Exemplary Educator, Area VIII, Texas Association of Hispanic School Administrators, for legislative efforts in education, 1997.
20. Woman of the Year, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Laredo Chapter, 1997.
21. Mujeres Que Pueden, (Women Who Can) Texas LULAC, 1997.
22. Proclamation, Bexar County Commissioners Court, for leadership on behalf of Bexar County and for serving as President Pro Tempore of the Texas Senate during the 75th Legislative Session and as Texas Governor (April 19, 1997), 1997.
23. Bexar County Medical Society Foundation Award, Bexar County Medical Society Foundation, for influence in health care, 1997.
24. Proclamation designating February 15, 1997, and April 19, 1997, "Senator Judith Zaffirini Day" in Laredo, Mayor Saul Ramirez, City of Laredo, 1997.
25. Key to the City of Laredo, Mayor Saul Ramirez, City of Laredo, for many years of continuous dedicated service to the citizens of Laredo and the State of Texas and in recognition for being elected President Pro Tempore of the Texas Senate and Texas Governor (April 19, 1997), 1997
26. Top 50 Distinguished Alumni, Laredo Community College, awarded to notable alumni, 1997.
27. Honorary Student Ambassador, Texas A&M International University, 1997.
28. Texas Advocacy Award, San Antonio American Cancer Society award, for continued legislative efforts to help the fight against cancer, 1997.
29. Recognition Award, on behalf of The University of Texas System, its component institutions and Texas Public Higher Education, for an academically distinguished, three time graduate of The University of Texas

at Austin and distinguished state senator; for genuine appreciation for unyielding loyalty and dedicated leadership; and for exceptional legislative service, 1997.

30. Appreciation Award, Laredo Medical Group, for outstanding legislative leadership on behalf of patients and physicians, 1997.
31. Appreciation Award, Mid Rio Grande Border Allied Health Education Center (AHEC) Board of Trustees, in recognition of tireless dedication and outstanding contribution to the development of health educational programs in our region, 1997.
32. Appreciation Award, J. W. Nixon High School, in recognition of "Legislator in School for a Day", 1997
33. Appreciation Award and Autographed Football Helmet, The University of Texas Board of Regents and Chancellor, for dedicated leadership in support of higher education and continuous commitment to excellence, April 1997.
34. Appreciation Award, Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education (TACHE), in recognition of support for enhanced educational opportunities for Hispanics and advocacy for all citizens of Texas, 1997.
35. Appreciation Award, Roma I.S.D., in grateful appreciation for outstanding cooperation and participation in the Roma Middle School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 1997.
36. Appreciation Award, The University of Texas at San Antonio, in recognition of lifelong commitment to education and the advancement of the Mexican American community through the establishment of the Downtown Campus of The University of Texas at San Antonio, 1997.
37. Appreciation Award, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) National Office, for exemplary legislative action protecting and enriching the experience of aging by authoring and passing Senate Bill 190 (1997), reforming Texas nursing homes, 1997.
38. Appreciation Award, Greater San Antonio Builders Association, for outstanding continued representation of San Antonio, 1997.

39. Appreciation Award, American Cancer Society - Texas Division, for exemplary service in the fight to conquer cancer and save lives, 1997
40. Appreciation Award, Floresville Lions Club, for invaluable services and cooperation, 1997.
41. Appreciation Award, Bringing Everyone Special Together (BEST), for hard work and dedication to the citizens of Laredo and especially the disabled, 1997.
42. Appreciation Award, Catarina Water Supply Corporation, for outstanding efforts in attaining the goal of a new water system, 1997.

1996

1. Legislator of the Year, Texas Public Health Association, for continued legislative efforts in healthcare, 1996.
2. Legislative Excellence Award, Brain Injury Association of Texas, for legislative leadership, 1996.
3. Distinguished Service Award, Children's Trust Fund of Texas, in recognition of continued service, 1996.
4. Honoree, Latinas of America, 20th Annual State Leadership Conference, in recognition of leadership within the Hispanic community, 1996.
5. Gold Plate Award, Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas, in appreciation for supporting independent higher education and Tuition Equalization Grants, 1996.
6. Tejano Achiever, LULAC Council 12-Laredo, for leadership within the Hispanic community, 1996.
7. Proclamation of Honor, Guadalupe County Judge James E. Sagebiel and Commissioners Court, 1996.
8. Proclamation of Honor, Award of Recognition, and Key to the City, Mark Stautzenberger, Mayor of Seguin, and Seguin City Council, 1996.

9. Appreciation Award, Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC) of District 10, for outstanding contributions to the education, health, and welfare of our state, 1996.
10. Appreciation Award, Retama Manor South Living Center, for continuous support of long-term care services, 1996.
11. Appreciation Award, Texas Lutheran University, in grateful appreciation for support of the Tuition Equalization Grant, 1996.
12. Appreciation Award, SmokeLess Texas coalition (American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, American Academy of Family Physicians, and the Texas Medical Association), in recognition of outstanding work in tobacco control and health policy during the 74th Texas Legislature, 1996.
13. Appreciation Award, Texas Army National Guard, for continued dedication and support to the Texas Army National Guard, 1996.
14. Appreciation Award and Grand Marshal, Wintergarden Fiesta Parade, City of Dilley, for serving as parade marshal, 1996.
15. Appreciation Award, Laredo State Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation and ECI Parent Support Group, for help and continuous support to the special children in our community, 1996.
16. Appreciation Award, Children's Trust Fund of Texas Council, for dedication and support for the mission of the Children's Trust Fund of Texas, for commitment to the prevention of child abuse and neglect, and for friendship to the Children's Trust Fund of Texas, 1996.
17. Appreciation Award, Guadalupe Valley Hospital, in appreciation of support, 1996.
18. Appreciation Award, Laredo Crime Stoppers, for outstanding support and assistance to the Crime Stoppers concept of continuing efforts to combat crime and maintain a safe community, 1996.

19. Appreciation Award, Laredo Noon Optimist Club, in appreciation of support, 1996.
20. Lifetime Honorary Membership Award, Texas State Chapter, Say No To Drugs Foundation, in recognition of demonstrated support of drug abuse prevention programs in Texas and aid and assistance to these and other drug abuse educational programs, 1996.
21. Commendation Award, Texas Fire Chiefs Association, for continued service to the community, 1996.
22. First Place, Speeches, Speech, Manuscript, *Promises to Keep: Commemorating the 25th Anniversary Celebration and Phase I Dedication of Texas A&M International University*, Texas Professional Communicators Communications Contest, 1996.
23. First Place, Public Relations Printed Materials, Newsletter, *Senator Judith Zaffirini Reports to the Families of District 21*, Texas Professional Communicators Communications Contest, 1996.
24. First Place, Personal Columns, Informational Government, *Effective Communication Essential to Good Representation, New Program Trains Troops to Become Classroom Teachers/Texans Can Prepare Today for College Tomorrow*, Texas Professional Communicators Communications Contest, 1996.

1995

1. People First! Award, for ongoing commitment to supporting and improving health and human services in Texas, 1995.
2. Texas Senate Crime Fighters of the Year, Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas, for continued commitment in making Texas a safer place for all citizens, 1995.
3. Lone Stars: These Texas legislators led the pack, single-shot award, *Dallas Morning News*, for legislative leadership, 1995.

4. Champion of Safe Kids, National Safe Kids Campaign, for dedication to the children of Texas, 1995.
5. Outstanding Pro-Life Legislator, Greater Austin Right to Life Committee, for continued support to the pro-life community, 1995.
6. Texas Heroine, Texas Transit Association, for outstanding service in the 74th Legislative Session, 1995.
7. Outstanding Legislative Leadership Award, Texas Association of Hispanic Firefighters, for continued legislative leadership, 1995.
8. 75 Dynamic Hispanic Leaders of Texas, Brillante Awards, Texas Hispanic magazine, for leadership within the Hispanic community, 1995.
9. Women's Hall of Fame inductee, City of Laredo Commission for Women, 1995.
10. Recognition of Distinguished Career in Journalism and Public Service, South Texas Press Association, in recognition of success in journalism and public service, 1995.
11. Resolution of Appreciation, for dedication and commitment to the ideals and services of the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 1995.
12. Appreciation Award, The University of Texas System, for outstanding and dedicated leadership in support of public higher education, 1995.
13. Appreciation Award, Alamo Community College District, for striving to improve our communities and people's lives through education, 1995.
14. Appreciation Award, Border Low Income Housing Coalition, for work on behalf of the residents of colonias during the 74th Legislative Session, 1995.
15. Appreciation Award, the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce and the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, in appreciation of support, 1995.

16. Appreciation Award, Methodist Healthcare System, Women's and Children's Hospital, for dedication to the women of Texas in their fight to reduce osteoporosis, 1995.
17. Appreciation Award, for continued support to the Laredo Sector of the U.S. Border Patrol, 1995.
18. Appreciation Award, Winter Garden Detachment of Crystal City, for loyalty and patriotism to our country, 1995.
19. Appreciation Award, Laredo Community College, for outstanding support and contribution in the development of the Import/Export Training Center, 1995.
20. Excellence Award, Laredo Regional Food Bank, for special everlasting contributions toward the fight against hunger in our region, 1995.
21. Appreciation Award, Living Centers of America, Retama Manor South, for unselfish devotion, time, energy and dedication in making the lives of our residents richer and more enjoyable, 1995.
22. Appreciation Award, Retama Manor West, for leadership and dedication to our facility, community, and the state of Texas, 1995.
23. Recognition Award, American College of Endocrinology, for helping patients in the diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis through leadership in Senate Bills 60 and 607 by Zaffirini, relating to osteoporosis, 1995.
24. Recognition Award, City of San Antonio, for dedication and commitment to community service through participation on the Initial Base Adjustment Strategy Committee to direct the redevelopment of Kelly Air Force Base, 1995.
25. Recognition Award, AVANCE Family Support and Education Program, for relentless support and commitment to bring AVANCE to thousands of Texas children and families, 1995.
26. Collaboration Award, Region 19 Head Start Policy Council, for support of State Funding for Child Care, 1995.

1994

1. Laredoan of the Year, *Laredo Morning Times*, for passing Senate Bill 6 by Zaffirini and creating Texas A&M International University, 1994.
2. Legislative Excellence Award, Texas Rehabilitation Association, for support of Texans with disabilities, 1994.
3. Legislative Excellence Award, Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, for support shown to survivors of Sexual Violence and Rape Crisis Center Advocates, 1994.
4. People's Choice Award, Texas Association for Home Care, for continued excellence in providing home and community support services in Texas, 1994.
5. Red Boot Award, Shots Across Texas, Texas Department of Health, for commitment to healthcare, 1994.
6. Friend of Business and Outstanding Legislator Award, Texas Chamber of Commerce, in appreciation of support for the businesses of Texas, 1994.
7. Very Important Parent Award, St. Augustine Elementary School, for support and involvement at Laredo's St. Augustine Elementary School, 1994.
8. Appreciation Award, Texas Hospice Association, for "The Texas Hospice Act" as incorporated into "The Home Care Community Support Services Act of 1993," 1994.
9. Appreciation Award, Southwest Regional Conference on English in the Two-Year College, in appreciation of continued support, 1994.
10. Appreciation Award, Maverick County Hospital District Board of Directors, Eagle Pass, for dedicated service representing our hospital district, 1994.
11. Appreciation Award, CCISD School Board of Trustees, for genuine and invaluable assistance in providing improved health services to the students of the Crystal City Independent School District, 1994.

12. Appreciation Award, for boundless efforts toward providing an improved quality of life for Eagle Pass/Maverick County, the Citizens of Eagle Pass/Maverick County, 1994.
13. Appreciation Award, Early Childhood Intervention Program of Laredo, for outstanding commitment, dedication and exemplary service to ECI programs throughout Texas, 1994.
14. Appreciation Award, Laredo Licensed Customs Brokers Association, in appreciation of support, 1994.
15. Appreciation Award, Cancer Patient Services of Laredo, in appreciation of support, 1994.
16. Appreciation Award, LOVED, for exceptional and distinguished service in meeting the needs of the people of our community, 1994.
17. Appreciation Award, Project Bridge, Laredo, in appreciation of support, 1994.
18. Appreciation Award, Ed White Middle School, San Antonio, for help and support of the "Student-Athlete" Program, 1994.
19. Appreciation Award, Ryan Elementary School, Laredo, for participating in "Stay in School...Graduate" Week, 1994.
20. Appreciation Award, Commencement Speaker, Incarnate Word College, San Antonio, 1994.
21. Appreciation Award, Commencement Speaker, Dr. Leo G. Cigarroa High School, Laredo, 1994.
22. Appreciation Award, Matias de Llano Jr. Elementary School, Laredo, for individual talents and concerned dedication so generously given as the keynote speaker, 1994.
23. Recognition Award, Texas Press Women, for 20-year membership, 1994.
24. Recognition Award, Junior-Senior Games 1994, Living Centers of America, Laredo, for participation in the Junior-Senior Games.

1993

1. Outstanding Legislator, Texas Public Health Association, for continued legislative efforts and dedication to public health, 1993.
2. Legislator of the Year, American Heart Association, Texas Chapter, for continued commitment to healthcare, 1993.
3. Legislator of the Year, Texas Alliance for the Mentally Ill, for outstanding legislative leadership and commitment to the mentally ill, 1993.
4. Friend of Education, Texas Classroom Teachers Association, for significant contributions to education in Texas, 1993.
5. Legislative Excellence Award, Texas Head Injury Association, for legislative leadership, 1993.
6. Legislative Award, Texas Community-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), for work in behalf of abused and neglected children, 1993.
7. Salute, Attorney General's Office, State of Texas, 1993.
8. Distinguished Citizen Award, Aztec District, Gulf Coast Council, Boy Scouts of America, for outstanding leadership, 1993.
9. Meritorious Service Award, Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education, for outstanding contributions to equal education opportunities for Hispanic students, 1993.
10. Appreciation Award, The University of Texas System and Presidents, for dedicated leadership in support of higher education, 1993.
11. Appreciation Award, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, for providing leadership and support, 1993.
12. Appreciation Award, *Vivan las Hispanas*, Opening Doors To The Future, Hispanic Women's Network of Texas, for serving as an example of leadership within the Hispanic community, 1993.
13. Appreciation Award, Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education, for participation in the 19th annual conference, 1993.

14. Appreciation Award, Ahead-Adelante Mental Health Consumers of South Texas, for dedicated and sincere valuable service rendered to assure new state laws were passed to protect mental health consumers in the State of Texas, 1993.
15. Appreciation Award, Graves Elementary School, Eagle Pass, for years of dedication and commitment for equitable education, 1993.
16. Appreciation Award, Jim Hogg County Medical Society, for support and contributions to the health of all Texans, 1993.
17. Appreciation Award, Retama Manor South, Laredo, for ongoing commitment to long-term care, 1993.
18. Appreciation Award, Partnership for Hope, for outstanding service and unprecedented success in bringing more than \$1 billion to working Texas families, 1993.
19. Appreciation Award, AIDS Services of Austin, for partnership in providing quality AIDS care and education, 1993.
20. Appreciation Award, Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, in recognition of valuable services rendered to the people of San Antonio, 1993.
21. Appreciation Award, Laredo State Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation, for outstanding and unselfish contributions to volunteer services, 1993.
22. Appreciation Award, Retama Manor West, Laredo, in appreciation of support, 1993.
23. Resolution of Appreciation, San Antonio City Council, for support of 1993 State Legislative Program, 1993.
24. Resolution of Appreciation, Laredo City Council, for outstanding service to the City of Laredo, 1993.

25. Recognition Award, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, for environmental leadership contributing to a cleaner and safer environment for the citizens of Texas, 1993.

1992

1. Callan Graham Ethics in Public Service Award, Texas Catholic Conference, for outstanding ethics in public service, 1992.
2. Texas State Legislator and Friend of Public Higher Education, Bexar County Alumni of State-Supported Schools, for continued commitment to higher education in Texas, 1992.
3. Distinguished Graduate Award, Department of Elementary Schools and the National Catholic Education Association, for exemplifying the highest qualities of Catholic education and rendering distinguished service to the Catholic Church and the United States of America, 1992.
4. Alumna of the Year, St. Peter's Memorial School, Laredo, in recognition of personal successes and distinguished service to the community, 1992.
5. Key to the City, City of Del Rio, in appreciation for untiring support and commitment to water protection efforts for the citizens of Del Rio and South Texas, 1992.
6. Star in Literacy, Literacy Volunteers of America, Laredo, for continued efforts to increase literacy, 1992.
7. *Madrina* (Godmother), J. W. Nixon High School Golden Spurs, Laredo, for outstanding efforts and success on behalf of Laredo education in the Texas Senate, 1992.
8. Good Citizenship Award, National School Celebration, Ryan Elementary School, Laredo, for serving as an example of an outstanding citizen, 1992.
9. Important Women in Webb County History, Commerce Bank, for serving as a positive role model to the women of Webb County, 1992.

10. Appreciation Award, Comerciantes Organizados Mexico Americanos, in recognition of support, 1992.
11. Appreciation Award, Eagle Pass High School National Honor Society, 1992.
12. El Paso Commission for Women and the El Paso Women's Hall of Fame, El Paso, for valuable contribution of time, energy and service, 1992.
13. Appreciation Award, Health Occupations Students of America, Area I, for outstanding service, 1992.
14. Appreciation Award, República del Rio Grande, Laredo, for passing resolution on Bill of Responsibilities, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, 1992.
15. Appreciation Award, Laredo Manufacturers Association, in appreciation of support, 1992.
16. Appreciation Award, the Salvation Army, for service to the people of Laredo, 1992.
17. Commendation Award, Women in Communications, for excellence in the field of communications, 1992.
18. Recognition Award, Vision '92, Laredo Chamber of Commerce, for outstanding contributions to the Laredo Community, 1992.
19. Appreciation Award, County Treasurers' Association of Texas, 1992.
20. Appreciation Award, Crystal City Independent School District, in recognition of faithful service to education and to the community as a member of the Texas Senate, 1992.
21. Appreciation Award, Laredo State Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation, for outstanding and unselfish volunteer services, 1992.
22. Appreciation Award, Communities in Schools, Laredo, for dedication to education in Texas, 1992.

23. Appreciation Award, Cub Scouts Pack 201, United Day School, Laredo, in recognition of support, 19921.

1991

1. Distinguished Service Citation, Texas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, for outstanding contributions to the professional fields of health, physical education, recreation and dance, 1991.
2. Statesman Award, Texas Hearing Aid Association, for relentless effort during the 72nd Legislative Session to improve the delivery of services to the hearing impaired, 1991.
3. Mother's Day Award, Texas Department of Health, for outstanding contributions and exemplary support of health programs for Texas mothers and children, 1991.
4. Resolution of Appreciation, Texas Faculty Association Women's Caucus, for Senate Resolution during the 72nd Legislative Session honoring the work of women in higher education, 1991.
5. Appreciation Award, Laredo State University, in appreciation of continued support, 1991.
6. Appreciation Award, Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, for role in ending violence in the State of Texas during the 72nd Legislative Session, 1991.
7. Appreciation Award, Texas Extension Homemakers Association, for support of issues impacting families, 1991.
8. Appreciation Award, Zapata Independent School District, for dedicated service - Zapata, 1991.
9. Merit Award, Kitty Hawk Junior High School, Randolph A.F.B., for outstanding service to the public schools of Texas, 1991.
10. Recognition Award, Vision '91, Laredo Chamber of Commerce, for outstanding contribution to the Laredo Community, 1991.

11. Appreciation Award, Laredo Appreciation Certificate, Laredo Crime Stoppers, Inc., and Paisano Girl Scout Council, District I, for community program support, 1991.

1990

1. Texas Heroine, Texas Chamber of Commerce, for leadership and support for issues important to the membership, 1990.
2. Top Gun Legislative Award, Combined Law Enforcement Agencies of Texas, for outstanding efforts on behalf of Texas peace officers, 1990.
3. George Washington Honor Medal of Excellence, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, in recognition of excellence, 1990.
4. Honorary Bailiff, 150th Judicial District Court, Bexar County, 1990.
5. Friend of Extension Home Economists, Texas Association of Extension Home Economists, in appreciation of support, 1990.
6. Very Important Parent Award, United Day School, Laredo, for faithful and devoted service, 1990.
7. Appreciation Award, Parade Marshal, Roma Fest 1990, Roma Chamber of Commerce, for outstanding service and contributions to the community, 1990.
8. Appreciation Award, Gold Star Parents (of military heroes killed in war), Laredo, in appreciation of support, 1990.
9. Appreciation Award, Laredo Chamber of Commerce, for dynamic and productive leadership in service to the military and the community of Laredo for securing the Texas Army National Guard Armory, 1990.
10. Appreciation Award, Transit Management Company of Laredo (El Metro), for dedicated public service and support, 1990.
11. Appreciation Award, Laredo Junior College, for continuous support, 1990.

12. Resolution of Appreciation, Laredo Junior College Board of Trustees, for expanding educational opportunities, 1990.
13. Recognition Award, Laredo Development Foundation, for support for Laredo's economic growth, 1990.
14. Appreciation Award, March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, South Central Texas Chapter, for generous and outstanding service, 1990.
15. Appreciation Award, Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, for valued services rendered to the people of San Antonio, 1990.
16. Appreciation Award, South Texas Vo-Tech, Laredo, in recognition of continued support, 1990.
17. Appreciation Award, Autumn Winds Retirement Home, Schertz, Texas Health Care Association, for support of the future of long-term care for the elderly and disabled, 1990.
18. Appreciation Award, Texas Health Care Association, Retama Manor, Rio Grande City, for support of the future of long-term care for the elderly and disabled, 1990.
19. Appreciation Award, Lackland Air Force Base, United States Air Force, for support to the Security Police Academy, 1990.

1989

1. Ejecutivo del Año (Executive of the Year, College of Business Administration)1988, El Colegio de Licenciados en Administración de Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico, 1989.
2. 100 Most Influential Hispanics, *Hispanic Business*, 1989.
3. Outstanding Service Award, Texas Industrial Vocational Association, for outstanding service to the State of Texas, 1989.

4. Distinguished Service Award, Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas, for outstanding service to the vocational schools of Texas, 1989.
5. Distinguished Service Award, Laredo State University, for continued commitment to Laredo State University, 1989.
6. Distinguished Alumni Award, St. Peter's Memorial School, Laredo, in recognition of success, 1989.
7. Resolution of Commendation, University System of South Texas Board of Directors, for passing legislation that would permit the merger of Corpus Christi State University, Laredo State University, and Texas A&I University into the Texas A&M University System, 1989.
8. Appreciation Award, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, for dedication to the goal of making Texas highways safer during the 71st Legislative Session, 1989.
9. Appreciation Award, State Bar of Texas, for invaluable assistance in the legislative program and activities during the 71st Legislative Session, 1989.
10. Appreciation Award, Texas General Land Office, for contributions to the State of Texas, 1989.
11. Appreciation Award, ARA Living Centers, for outstanding volunteer service, 1989.
12. Appreciation Award, International Order of the Alhambra, Sahara Caravan #64, for tireless efforts in the interest of the developmentally disabled of the State of Texas, 1989.
13. Appreciation Award, The University of Texas at San Antonio, for Support of higher education, 1989.
14. Appreciation Award, Alamo Reading Council, for promoting literacy, 1989.
15. Appreciation Award, Bexar County Commissioners Court, for going above and beyond the call of duty to help Bexar County achieve its goals, 1989.

16. Appreciation Award, Chapter I Migrant Program, Laredo Independent School District, for successes and for inspiring others, 1989.
17. Appreciation Award, Laredo Independent School District, E.Y.S. Program, for Special Education, 1989,

1988

1. George Washington Honor Medal of Excellence Recipient, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, for Series of Speeches about the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, 1988.
2. Outstanding Woman, Mexican American Business and Professional Women of Austin, Texas, for setting an outstanding example of leadership to women in the Hispanic community, 1988,
3. Best "Cooker" in the World, Bright Beginnings Kindergarten Class, for outstanding culinary skills, 1988.
4. Leadership Award, South Texas Salute to Senator Judith Zaffirini, for outstanding leadership in the Texas Senate, 1988.
5. Commendation Award, Board of Directors of Lifeline of Laredo, in recognition of continued success and outstanding achievement, 1988.
6. Very Important Parent Award, Bright Beginnings, Laredo, for dedicated involvement, 1988.
7. Appreciation Award, U. S. Drug Enforcement Agency, for valuable contributions, 1988,
8. Appreciation Award, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, in appreciation of continued support, 1988,
9. Appreciation Award, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, for contribution toward honoring veterans, 1988.
10. Appreciation Award, County Treasurers Association of Texas, for devoted and invaluable service to County Treasurers, 1988.

11. Appreciation Award, CCSCT Aging Program, for support on important issues to the retired community, 1988.
12. Appreciation Award, National Organization of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, for legislation beneficial to public housing and community development agencies, 1988.
13. Appreciation Award, Office Education Association, for encouragement, cooperation and personal meritorious service, 1988.
14. Appreciation Award, for strong leadership and dedication to the community, Texas League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), 1988.
15. Appreciation Award, Bee County College, for service to Texas Community Colleges, 1988.
16. Appreciation Award, San Diego I.S.D., for outstanding leadership and untiring efforts towards the education of the children of South Texas, 1988.
17. Appreciation Award, Universal City Continuing Education Program, for outstanding contribution to adult literacy, 1988.
18. Appreciation Award, TAPA Laredo Chapter, for excellent program, 1988.
19. Appreciation Award, Lifeline of Laredo, for leadership in helping achieve goals, 1988.
20. Appreciation Award, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, in appreciation of support, 1988.
21. Appreciation Award, Laredo State Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation, for outstanding and unselfish volunteer services, 1988.
22. Appreciation Award, Newman Elementary School Kindergarten, Laredo, for support of students and faculty, 1988.
23. Appreciation Award, J. W. Nixon Co-Op Program, J. W. Nixon High School, Laredo, for support, 1988.

24. Appreciation Award, Laredo Junior College, for continued support and ongoing efforts on behalf of excellence in education, 1988.
25. Appreciation Award, H. B. Zachry Elementary School, Laredo, for devoted and invaluable services rendered, 1988.
26. Certificate of Merit, Webb Consolidated I.S.D, for outstanding excellence and achievement in representing the citizens, 1988.
27. Appreciation Award, Laredo Organized Volunteers for the Elderly and Disadvantaged, Project C.A.R.O.L. (Citizens Acknowledging the Roots of Laredo), in appreciation of continued support, 1988.
28. Appreciation Award, Veterans Administration, for outstanding contributions over an extended period of time to the Vet Center Program for Vietnam Era Veterans, 1988.
29. Appreciation Award, ARA Living Centers, for devoted service, 1988,
30. Appreciation Award, Texas Department of Human Services Child Protective Service Board Region 9, for dedication and participation in the prevention of child abuse, 1988.

1987

1. José María Morelos y Pavón Medal, Merit Agrupación Nacional Periodística (ANPE—journalists' association), in recognition of "superior understanding of the problems of Latin Americans and for personal interest in promoting the best relations between Mexico and the United States," 1987.
2. Rookie of the Year, Combined Law Enforcement Agencies of Texas, in recognition of outstanding efforts on behalf of Texas Peace Officers during the 70th Legislative Session, 1987.
3. Outstanding Freshman Legislator, Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, for outstanding legislative efforts on issues regarding alcohol and drug abuse, 1987.

4. Outstanding Pro-Life Legislator, 70th Legislature, Texas Coalition for Life, for support of pro-life legislation in the Texas Senate, 1987.
5. One of 10 Texas Power Couples, *Texas Monthly*, 1987.
6. National Hispanic Hall of Fame and Medal of Excellence, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), for outstanding leadership in the Hispanic community, 1987.
7. Outstanding Service Award, 70th Texas Legislature, San Antonio Mexican American Chamber of Commerce, 1987.
8. Hispanic Legislator Recognition, Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce (TAMACC), for success in being elected to the Texas Senate, 1987.
9. Appreciation Award, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Council 12, for a successful 70th Legislative Session, 1987.
10. Outstanding Achievement in Public Service to Texas through Civic and Government Involvement, Laredo Club of Austin, for commitment to public service, 1987.
11. Presidential Merit Citation, Laredo State University, for distinguished achievement in the service of higher learning and human welfare, 1987.
12. Appreciation Award, Mexican American Business and Professional Women of San Antonio, for outstanding leadership, 1987.
13. Leadership Award, James Madison High School, San Antonio, for support of vocational education, 1987.
14. Appreciation Award, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, for co-sponsorship of legislation, 1987.
15. Appreciation Award, San Antonio Board of Realtors, for unselfish sharing of knowledge and experience as well as the giving of self to others, 1987.
16. Appreciation Award, Sterling Fly Junior High School, Crystal City, for valiant efforts to promote public education, 1987.

17. Appreciation Award, Retama Manor West, Laredo, for ARA Services, 1987.
18. Appreciation Award, BASTA Advisory Council, Laredo, in recognition of support, 1987.
19. Appreciation Award, Laredo Association of Life Underwriters, in appreciation of support, 1987.
20. Appreciation Award, Laredo Junior Chamber of Commerce, for outstanding and unselfish services to the Jaycees, 1987.
21. Appreciation Award, Texas Farm Bureaus in District 21, in recognition of support, 1987.
22. Appreciation Award, Texas Commission on the Arts, for continued commitment to the arts, 1987.
23. Appreciation Award, Adjutant General's Department of Texas, for outstanding support given the military of Texas, 1987.
24. Appreciation Award, Justices of the Peace and Constables Association, 1987.
25. Appreciation Award, San Antonio Right-to-Life Foundation, for dedication and tireless effort, 1987.
26. Appreciation Award, Memorial Middle School Student Council, Laredo, for cooperative participation in promoting students' education, 1987.
27. Appreciation Award, Laredo State Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation, for outstanding volunteer services, 1987.
28. Appreciation Award, Borderfest, Laredo, in appreciation of support and participation, 1987.

1975-1986

1. 100 Influential Hispanics, *Hispanic Business*, 1986.

2. Outstanding Service to the Hispanic Community award, San Antonio Mexican American Bar Association, for outstanding service to the Hispanic community, 1986.
3. Outstanding Women, special publication of the *Laredo Times*, for outstanding leadership, 1982.
4. Woman of the Year, Texas Mexican American Women's Political Caucus, 1981.
5. Woman of Achievement, Texas Press Women, for outstanding achievements, 1980.
6. Woman of Achievement, District IV Texas Press Women, for outstanding achievements, 1980 and 1976.
7. Merit Award, Texas Family Institute, for statewide service to Texas Child Care.
8. As Director of Communications at Laredo Junior College she and her staff won more than 40 national and state awards between 1976 and 1980, including a Grand Award for Community Relations Programs and three Awards of Excellence for Feature Stories or Series, Special Communications Programs, and News Writing.
9. First Place, Public Relations, Second Edition of *Publicity Planner, or How to Get Publicity in Laredo News Media*, Texas Press Women Communication Contest
10. Third Place (nationally), Public Relations, Second Edition of - *Publicity Planner, or How to Get Publicity in Laredo News Media*," School-College Publications Contest.
11. Top Ten Texas Press Women, 1976.
12. Fourth Place in State for Total Points for the Following Winning Entries in the Texas Press Women Communication Contest, 1976:

13. First Place, Public Relations, First Edition of *Publicity Planner, or How to Get Publicity in Laredo News Media*, 1976.
14. First Place, Special Editions, 1975-76 Laredo Junior College Catalog, 1976.
15. First Place, Advertising, Laredo Junior College Registration Ad, 1976.
16. Second Place, Public Relations Press Releases, Feature about a Special Services Program, 1976.
17. Second Place, Speeches, *Changing Attitudes toward Working Women*, 1976.