Texas Workforce Commission

Message from the Commissioners

Texas Workforce Commission Statement on Passing of Dr. James H. "Red" Duke

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar, TWC Labor Commissioner Ronny Congleton and TWC Employer Commissioner Ruth R. Hughs today released the following statement on the passing of Dr. James H. "Red" Duke, who was a U.S. Army veteran and has supported numerous veterans causes and workforce initiatives, including TWC's statewide hiring fair Hiring Red, White & You!

"We were sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Red Duke yesterday. Dr. Duke was not only a brilliant surgeon and well-known champion for health-related matters in Texas, he was also a strong advocate for veterans workforce initiatives and our partner in promoting our Hiring Red, White and You! veterans' hiring fairs. The state of Texas lost a true Texas hero with his passing," said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar.

"Dr. Duke was a true friend to the Texas Workforce," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "His voice was familiar to generations and his natural Texas drawl gave instant credibility to the causes he supported including our own Hiring Red, White and You! veterans hiring fairs. He will be missed."

"We appreciate the dedication and passion that Dr. Duke applied to his work and to veterans issues," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. "Our partnership with Dr. Duke and the Texas Medical Center has been very beneficial to the veterans and employers we serve."

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