



The Walter F. Snyder Award for 1992

Presented to

ROBERT GALVAN, M.S., R.S.

In 1992 we honor an individual who demonstrated his leadership abilities first while in college, and has continued to show those same qualities through almost twenty-five years in public health. Mr. Robert (Bob) Galvan, Director of Environmental Health for the City of Plano, Texas has been chosen as the 1992 recipient of the Walter F. Snyder Award.

While attending East Texas State University (ETSU), Mr. Galvan used his leadership skills when he was elected freshman class president, and while serving on the student council, student senate, and as an officer with the Delta Tau Delta social fraternity. In 1968, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from ETSU.

In 1968 Bob began his public service path as a Registered Sanitarian with the City of Richardson, in his home state of Texas. Seven years later he was elevated to the position of Director of Environmental Health for the city, a position he held for over sixteen years. As the Director, he had the total administrative management responsibility for a department of twenty-four individuals, and was responsible for surveillance and control measures in environmental health programs, including food service, child care institutions, hospitals and nursing

homes, swimming pools, vector and rodent control, health education and environmental complaints, air and water quality management, staff supervision and operations of animal services division, neighborhood integrity department, the industrial pretreatment program, and storm water management.

While carrying all of this responsibility, he also enrolled in the environmental science program at the University of Texas at Dallas and in 1976 received a Master of Science degree. He continues to take post graduate course work in environmental science and political economy.

Earlier this year, Bob left the City of Richardson, to become Director of Environmental Health for the City of Plano, Texas.

Bob's professional accomplishments are very impressive. He has been extremely active in numerous organizations, including: the Texas Public Health Association, when he was president in 1983; Texas Environmental Health Association, president, 1983; Texas Association of Municipal Health Officials, executive board, 1986-1992, president, 1991-1992; Texas Municipal League, board of directors, 1986-1990; National Environmental Health Association, regional vice president, 1987 to 1991; American Public Health Association;

American Society of Public Administrators; Southern Health Association; American Academy of Health Administrators; Conference of Minority Public Administrators; Dallas County Public Health Advisory Committee; Air Quality Advisory Committee; and the Sanitarian Advisory Committee. Bob has authored several papers that have appeared in nationally-recognized journals. He has served as an adjunct professor and instructor in environmental and community health at the University of North Texas, and has a faculty appointment in environmental and community health with the Department of Family Practice and Community Medicine at Southwestern Medical School, Dallas. He also serves on the Institutional Biosafety Committee of the University of Texas at Dallas.

This Walter F. Snyder Award recipient also serves on the Council of Public Health Consultants for NSF *International*.

One of his Texas colleagues stated, "Bob has provided professional leadership in the field of environmental health and through his leadership, in all of the organizations that he is involved with, the respect for environmental health has been achieved . . ." He continues, "in Texas, the power and respect of the environmental health programs have been heard and are now looked to for input into the legislative process. This came about due to the efforts of Mr. Bob Galvan."

Another colleague said, "Mr. Galvan has been a leader in the environmental and public health profession. He has generously given

his time to share his knowledge and expertise with our upcoming generation of environmentally oriented young adults at the University of North Texas, Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, and University of Texas at Dallas in environmental issues and technologies."

He was chosen as the outstanding health professional in Texas and received the I.E. Scott Award in 1988 from the Texas Environmental Health Association. He was honored with a Certificate of Merit in 1983, and a Presidential Citation in 1989 both from the National Environmental Health Association.

On a personal note, Bob is married to Donna Johnson, and they have a son and daughter. Using his leadership qualities in other areas, he is also a past president of the Richardson Noon Lions Club.

Again, quoting from Bob's colleagues, "Bob's ability and knowledge with the years of experience provide the tools needed to deal with any environmental goals and objectives. He has a real knack to face problems head on and resolve them without negative consequence."

The respect of his peers and from his community, is a real tribute to a deserving environmental leader. Bob Galvan is a worthy recipient of the 1992 Walter F. Snyder Award.

NSF *International* and the National Environmental Health Association take great pleasure in awarding to Robert Galvan, the 1992 Walter F. Snyder Award for Achievement in Attaining Environmental Quality.

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