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TEXAS BOAT DEALERS TO PRESENT SEN. JOHN CARONA AND REP. DAN FLYNN  
2013 LONE STAR AWARD FOR LEGISLATIVE EXCELLENCE

HOUSTON – The Boating Trades Association of Texas (BTAT) and Boating Trades Association of Metropolitan Houston (BTAMH) will present the 2013 Lone Star Awards for Legislative Excellence to State Senator John Carona (R-Dallas) and State Representative Dan Flynn (R-Van) for their legislative efforts on behalf of Texas recreational boating during the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session.

Rep. Flynn and Sen. Carona have long championed the enhancement of outdoor recreation and public enjoyment of Texas' vast natural resources. This session they were particularly effective in the sponsorship and passage of legislation modernizing the sale and financing of recreational boats. The legislation improves business transparency, customer convenience, and consumer protection. The awards will be presented on December 11 at the BTAMH's annual banquet in Houston.

“We are extremely grateful for the leadership and vision of Representative Flynn and Senator Carona, and their steadfast commitment to enhancing outdoor recreation in Texas. Their efforts this session enable Texas dealers to continue improving transactional services in the sale of recreational boats, which in turn facilitates access to our state's abundant lakes and waters.” said Ken Lovell, BTAMH President. “We also appreciate Governor Perry, Lt. Governor Dewhurst, and Speaker Straus for their foresight on this issue and their efforts to keep Texas a great place for small businesses to prosper and grow.”

BTAT and BTAMH are self-governing organizations representing more than 500 Texas boat dealers and marine industry businesses which employ thousands of men and women across the state and are dedicated to maintaining a positive recreational boating environment for all Texans. More than 600,000 Texans own recreational boats and use the state's vibrant network of lakes, rivers, and coastal waters. Recreational boating is key to the enjoyment of our state's abundant and beautiful natural resources, which make Texas a great place to live, work, and play.

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