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**San Antonio, Texas Pharmacist, Senator Leticia Van de Putte, Honored for Outstanding Community Service**

**Washington, DC** – The Texas Pharmacy Association (TPA) has selected Senator Leticia Van de Putte as the recipient of the 2013 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Van de Putte was presented with the award during the annual TPA Conference & Expo, July 24-27, 2013. The Bowl of Hygeia is sponsored by the American Pharmacists Association Foundation and the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations with support from Boehringer Ingelheim.

Senator Van de Putte served as Co-Chair of the 2008 Democratic National Convention. She has been actively involved in the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), serving as President 2006-07. She is an active member of the National Assessment Governing Board, the American Legacy Foundation Board, and the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators where she served as President 2003-05. In October 2008, she was the subject of a book published by Texas A&M University Press.

Senator Van de Putte is a strong advocate for children, veterans, quality education, and the economic development of San Antonio. She has consistently authored and sponsored bills to assist small businesses in securing opportunities. Multiple civic organizations and community groups have recognized her as one of the most effective and influential legislators in Texas. She currently serves as Chair of the Veteran Affairs and Military Installations Committee. She is also a member of the Senate Committees on Business and Commerce, State Affairs and Education.

Senator Van de Putte received the Arthur S. Fleming Leadership Award, a national award presented to a leader who exemplifies the ideals of public service through the highest standards of performance. She received the Charles M. West Distinguished American Award, which recognizes leaders whose contributions have had a lasting impact on pharmacy and the health and welfare of the American public. Following the 81st Legislative Session, she was named as one of Texas Insider's Top Ten Legislators for her work on behalf of veterans and their families and was selected to Texas Watch's Legislative Honor Roll for her work on behalf of Texas consumers and homeowners.

Established in 1958, the Bowl of Hygeia Award recognizes pharmacists who possess outstanding records of civic leadership in their communities and encourages pharmacists to take active roles in the affairs of their respective communities. The award is presented annually by participating state pharmacist associations, including those in the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In addition to service through their local, state and national pharmacy associations, award recipients have devoted their time, talent and resources to a wide variety of causes and community service.

The Bowl of Hygeia is the most widely recognized international symbol for the pharmacy profession and is considered one of the profession's most prestigious awards. The Bowl of Hygeia has been associated with the pharmacy profession since as early as 1796 when the symbol was used on a coin minted for the Parisian Society of Pharmacy. The bowl represents a medicinal potion and the snake represents healing. Healing through medicine is precisely why the pharmacy profession has adopted the Bowl of Hygeia symbol.

Information regarding contributing to the Bowl of Hygeia future is available by contacting the APhA Foundation at 202-429-7565 or [info@aphafoundation.org](mailto:info@aphafoundation.org).

#### **About the American Pharmacists Association Foundation**

The APhA Foundation is affiliated with the American Pharmacists Association, the national professional society of pharmacists in the U.S. The APhA Foundation, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., is a national leader in designing programs to help patients with chronic healthcare conditions by optimizing medication use through coordination with pharmacists, the medication experts. The APhA Foundation's mission is to improve people's health through pharmacists' patient care services. For more information, please visit the APhA Foundation website [www.aphafoundation.org](http://www.aphafoundation.org).

#### **About the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations**

The National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA) promotes leadership, sharing, learning, and policy exchange among pharmacy leaders in all 50 states and Washington, DC, and provides education and advocacy to support pharmacists, patients, and communities working together to improve public health. NASPA was founded in 1927 as the National Council of State Pharmacy Association Executives (NCSPA). For more information, please visit the NASPA Web site [www.naspa.us](http://www.naspa.us).