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**Langford Selected for Inaugural Keystone Award
for Lifetime Contributions to Land and Wildlife Conservation**

David K. Langford is a steadfast conservationist, well-respected regionally and nationally. In recognition of his lifetime of service conserving our agricultural heritage and protecting native wildlife, wildlife habitat, and natural lands in Texas, Langford will receive the inaugural **Keystone Award** at a reception held at **Becker Vineyards in Stonewall, Texas, from 5:00 to 7:00pm, Friday, February 26th**. The event opens the **7th Farm & Range Forum**, which continues with a full-day program in **Fredericksburg, Texas, on the 27th**.



An Extraordinary Leader

The award is named to recognize extraordinary leadership in conservation and efforts to bridge sometimes conflicting interests, which Langford has consistently achieved throughout his career. Langford is Vice President Emeritus of the Texas Wildlife Association, culminating a leadership career since 1986. He is on the Board of the Sand County Foundation and the Hill Country Alliance Advisory Board, represents agricultural interests on the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group, and was appointed to serve on the State's Environmental Flows Advisory Committee.

He works tirelessly for land stewards across the country, communicating effectively and spanning diverse constituencies. A prolific speaker and writer, Langford has frequently given testimony to elected bodies and agencies; addressed professional associations, landowners, and business communities; and been widely published.

Award-Winning Photographer

Langford immortalizes the Texas Hill Country region in his award-winning photography of nature, wildlife, and western images. His Texas heritage stems from a family ranching and flour-

milling business that dates back to 1837. He and his wife, Myrna, live on their family's six-generation ranch on Block Creek near Comfort, Texas, which has become a destination for nature photographers.

Langford's honors include the 2004 Harvey Weil Professional Conservationist Award —only the second person so honored — and dedication to him of the Images for Conservation Fund's second book — the first having been dedicated to Lady Bird Johnson.

Tickets to the reception, which includes a **tour of the winery at 4:00pm**, are \$50 per person, and are available from Helen Holdsworth at the Texas Wildlife Association, **HHoldsworth@texas-wildlife.org or 800-TEX-WILD (210-826-2904)**. Sponsorships for the event are also welcome.

Farm & Range Forum

The character of the Hill Country is changing due to explosive growth. On **February 27th**, 2010, the Bexar Audubon Society, Green Spaces Alliance of South Texas, the Hill Country Alliance, the Texas Wildlife Association, and the US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service will focus on this challenge as they host the 7th Farm & Range Forum, **“Sustaining the Hill Country — Now and for Future Generations.”** The forum, which features a keynote address by Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Executive Director Carter Smith, will be held in **Fredericksburg**, Texas, at the Fredericksburg Inn and Suites. Registration is \$40 per person, or \$75 if combined with the Langford reception.

For more information on the forum, visit one of the following websites: www.texas-wildlife.org, www.greenspacesalliance.org, or www.hillcountryalliance.org.

Sponsors: Natural Awakenings, San Antonio/Hill Country; Edwards Aquifer Authority; Edwards Region Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative; Lower Colorado River Authority; Becker Vineyards; Texas Wildlife Association Foundation; Hill Country Land Trust; Flint Creek Ranch; Native American Seed.