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Texas Exes Announce 2012 Distinguished Alumnus Award Honorees

AUSTIN, Texas – The Texas Exes are pleased to announce the 2012 University of Texas Distinguished Alumnus Award recipients. Each year six alumni who have distinguished themselves professionally and through service to the university are honored with the award. This year's award recipients are:

- **Laura Bush**, MLS '73, Dallas, is former First Lady of the United States. For decades Mrs. Bush has championed key issues in the fields of education, health care and human rights. Mrs. Bush is the founder of the Texas Book Festival and the National Book Festival in Washington D.C.
- **Julius Glickman**, BA '62, LLB '66, Life Member, Houston, is a philanthropist and attorney. A UT Plan II graduate, Glickman has chaired the Development Board and the Chancellor's Council.
- **Charles Matthews**, BA '67, Life Member, Dallas, is the retired vice president and general counsel of Exxon Mobil Corp and the 2012-2013 President-elect of the Texas Exes board of directors.
- **Vice Admiral William McRaven**, BJ '77, MacDill Air Force Base, FL, is the ninth commander of the U.S. Special Operations Command. The most senior SEAL in the U.S. Navy, McRaven studied journalism at UT.
- **Melinda Perrin**, BS '69, Life Member, is a Houston civic leader and health care advocate. Perrin has chaired the UT Development Board and the Chancellor's Council. She was also a driving force behind the founding of the Texas Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education.
- **Hector Ruiz**, BS '68, MS '70, Life Member, Austin, is president and CEO of Bull Ventures. Ruiz is an education advocate who has served on the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, among many other volunteer positions.

The Distinguished Alumnus Award, established by the Texas Exes in 1958, is the highest alumni award of The University of Texas at Austin. This year's recipients will be honored at a presentation to be held in Austin on October 19. For more information on the recipients achievements please visit the [Alcalde](#) site. Also, for more information on past recipients please click [here](#).

The Texas Exes, the alumni association for The University of Texas, was founded in 1885. The core purpose of the Texas Exes is to be an independent voice that champions the University, and to organize alumni and friends into a formidable network to change the world. Today there are around 90,000 members whom the association strives to connect to each other and to the past, present and future of the university through career counseling, travel, reunions, continuing education, fellowship, legislative advocacy in support of higher education and *The Alcalde* magazine. For more information on Texas Exes or to become a member, please visit www.TexasExes.org.

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