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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**TAMACC to Host Statewide Women of Distinction Awards Luncheon**  
*13 Latinas from Across Texas to be Honored*

AUSTIN, TEXAS — The Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce (TAMACC) will honor 13 outstanding Latina business and community leaders at the fifth annual Women of Distinction Awards luncheon Friday, May 13, 2016 at the Austin Club, 110 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

“I know I speak for all our Chamber and business members in congratulating this year’s Women of Distinction award recipients,” said TAMACC Chairman of the Board Sam Guzman. “Year after year we are proud and honored to recognize and celebrate the outstanding successes and contributions that Hispanic women make to our communities, state, and indeed our nation.”

The 2016 Women of Distinction are:

**Aliana Apodaca**, President, Positive Directions Co., El Paso

**Rosemary H. Banda**, Community Volunteer, Austin

**Barbara Ann Canales**, Secretary, Port of Corpus Christi Authority Commission, Corpus Christi

**Judith A. Canales**, State Executive Director, United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency, Bryan

**Dr. Catalina E. Garcia**, M.D., President, Dallas Anesthesiology Group, Dallas

**Virginia “Viky” Garcia**, Student and Internship Volunteer, Laredo Medical Center and Bethany House Homeless, Laredo

**Dr. Eva Garza-Nyer**, Ph.D., Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Texas College Advisor, Austin

**Genoveva G. Gomez**, Vice President of Engineering and Construction, San Antonio Water System, San Antonio

**Alida Y. Helgerman**, Marketing and Public Relations Manager, Border Federal Credit Union, Del Rio

**Helen Soto Knaggs**, Office Manager, Texas Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Austin

**Cristina Rivera**, Chief Executive Officer, Rio Grande Regional Hospital, McAllen

**Alice Rodriguez**, Councilwoman, City of Waco, Waco

**Major General Angela “Angie” Salinas**, United States Marine Corps (Retired), Chief Executive Officer, Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas, San Antonio

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