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Independent Insurance Agents of Texas Names Michael Tatum of Lubbock ELITExan Young Agent of the Year

AUSTIN, TX — The Independent Insurance Agents of Texas (IIAT) is proud to announce that Michael Tatum of Sanford & Tatum in Lubbock was named the André P. Juneau ELITExan of the Year at IIAT's annual awards ceremony and business meeting. The ceremony took place on June 25, during IIAT's INSURCON, at the Kalahari in Round Rock.

The André P. Juneau ELITExan of the Year award is given annually to a young insurance professional in Texas who has achieved success through hard work, community engagement and industry participation in a manner that is considered exceptional for a person of his or her age.

Michael is a Partner and Chairman of the Board at Sanford & Tatum, an Insurance Heritage Risk Management Company, in Lubbock. His primary focus in the agency is the medical industry, including medical professional liability. He is also an expert on business insurance.

Since joining Sanford & Tatum, Michael has earned his Certified Insurance Counselor and Certified Risk Manager designations. In addition to his pursuit of professional knowledge, Michael also attended the National Alliance's Producer School.

About IIAT

The Independent Insurance Agents of Texas (IIAT) expands the value and influence of independent insurance agencies via advocacy, training, business solutions, professional networking, and market resources.

Independent insurance agents represent multiple insurance companies; they aren't employees of any single insurance company. Their independence empowers them to focus exclusively on providing their customers with the best, most personalized insurance options possible.

As the largest association of independent agencies in the country—representing more than 1,500 agencies that employ approximately 20,000 Texans—IIAT provides a wide range of products and resources to the insurance industry. Each year, IIAT delivers more than 250 days of education, ongoing legislative and regulatory advocacy, access to new insurance markets, customized business solutions, and answers to thousands of specific questions from across the state (and country).

Learn more online at www.iiat.org. IIAT is affiliated with the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America (IIABA, the "Big I") and TrustedChoice. There are 14 local, standalone associations in Texas.