

Pierson to Receive "Woman of Influence" Award

Fort Worth Business Press Award Honors Outstanding Achievement
in Business and in the Community

Austin - Today State Representative Paula Pierson will receive the "Woman of Influence" award given by the Fort Worth Business Press. The award ceremony will be held this evening at the Fort Worth Club in downtown Fort Worth.

"Paula Pierson's involvement in the business world, her tireless work for her community and her dedication to public service truly makes her a Woman of Influence," stated Wendell Nedderman, former President of the University of Texas at Arlington. "We are lucky to have her and I know that she will continue to work day and night to make our community and our state a better place."

The "Woman of Influence" award is given to leaders in business, education, community service, health care and the non-profit sector. Pierson, a resident of Arlington, is receiving the award based on her decades of leadership in the business community.

Pierson is the founder, President and CEO of Expedited Recovery Services, Inc., an Arlington based company that works with healthcare providers and the uninsured. Pierson has served her community as a member of the Arlington City Council and was recently sworn in as the State Representative for District 93, which includes east and north Arlington, Mansfield and Grand Prairie.

Pierson has also received recognition for her accomplishments in business by being named a Life Member of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce and as a Presidential appointee to the National Advisory Council of the United States Small Business Administration. Prior to creating her own company, Paula was a successful Realtor and served as Vice President of Business Development for the Henry S. Miller Company.

Advocacy for children has also been a top priority for Pierson. She founded Arlington's Alliance for Children, which offers help to young victims of abuse. Since its founding, the Alliance for Children has helped over 20,000 child abuse victims receive counseling and care.

Pierson is married to Arlington attorney Grey Pierson and is the mother of two grown children, Lorie Quirk and Chris Hightower, and the proud grandmother of Kendall and Shaun Quirk.

The Fort Worth Business Press has honored "Women of Influence" across North Texas since the early 1990s. On Thursday, 27 women will receive the award. Over 100 women were nominated.