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## **State Rep. Armando Walle receives Texas Academy of Family Physicians Patient Advocacy Award**

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS — State Representative Armando Walle of Houston, Texas, received the Texas Academy of Family Physicians Patient Advocacy Award at the organization's Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in The Woodlands on Nov. 9. This award is given to the person of the president's choosing who she feels has demonstrated a commitment to protecting and advancing the welfare of patients in Texas.

"This session, [Rep. Walle] was instrumental in passing the house bill to ensure adequate funding for the Physician Education Loan Repayment Program by increasing the loan repayment cap from \$160,000 to \$180,000," Hart said. "For this work and so much more, we are thrilled to give TAFP's Patient Advocacy Award to Representative Walle."

"It has always been a pleasure to work with the association as we both have been committed to increasing access to health care to all Texans, especially those Texans in medically underserved communities," Rep. Walle said.

Rep. Walle represents Texas House District 140, which consists of portions of North Houston and other parts of north Harris County where he grew up. He's in his sixth term in the Texas House of Representatives and serves on the House Appropriations Committee and the Higher Education Committee.

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