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District Attorney Villalobos Receives State Award from TAASA

Brownsville, Texas – March 3, 2010 – Cameron County and District Attorney Armando R. Villalobos received this afternoon the 2009 Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) Harold Cottle Justice Award.

Villalobos was recognized at the 28th Annual Conference during an awards luncheon held on South Padre Island. The Harold Cottle Justice Award is awarded to law enforcement, criminal justice officers, or legislators who demonstrate outstanding support for victims' rights and willingness to educate self and colleagues about sexual assault.

The Family Crisis Center nominated Villalobos for his outstanding work in the fight against crime and diligence in serving this community and to serve justice.

“I am truly honored to receive this award,” Cameron County and District Attorney Armando R. Villalobos said. “I would like to thank the Family Crisis Center for submitting their nomination. Part of my job as District Attorney is to assist the victims of crime to the best of my ability and to hold those responsible for committing those crimes in seeking justice.”

The Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) is the statewide organization committed to ending sexual violence in Texas. A non-profit educational and advocacy organization based in Austin, TAASA member agencies comprise a statewide network of over 80 crisis centers that serve rural as well as metropolitan areas

Founded in 1982, the agency has a strong record of success in community education, youth outreach, law enforcement training, legislative advocacy, and curricula and materials development.

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