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## **JPMorgan Chase to Receive Fort Worth Chamber's Spirit of Enterprise Award**

*Financial company will be honored at Chamber's 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting June 7*

FORT WORTH, TEX. – JPMorgan Chase has been named recipient of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce's 2006 Spirit of Enterprise Award. The award will be presented at the Chamber's 125th Annual Meeting June 7, noon, at the Renaissance Worthington Hotel.

The award, initiated in 1975, recognizes local companies for outstanding contributions to the development of the community. Selected by the four most recent chairs of the Fort Worth Chamber, the recipient is chosen for contributions to the advancement and prosperity of the city, as well as a commitment to the preservation of the American private enterprise system.

“Both the Chamber and Chase were established in the late 1800s, so we've grown up together as Fort Worth has grown up into one of the best cities in the nation,” said Vernon Bryant, immediate past chairman of the Fort Worth Chamber, and chairman and CEO of First Texas BHC, Inc.

With a plethora of banks and financial institutions in Fort Worth, JPMorgan Chase is only the second in that industry to receive the award; the first was Texas American Bankshares, Inc. in 1985.

Bill Thornton, president and CEO of the Chamber, said, “JPMorgan Chase has been a solid supporter of the Stay-in-School Initiative for several years, and even though the company has grown to international success, their dedication to this community has not wavered. They appreciate their Fort Worth roots, and we applaud their leadership.”

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“At the heart of banking is relationships, and relationships are about people,” said Danny Smith, chairman of JPMorgan Chase in Tarrant County. “We pride ourselves on our longstanding relationships with customers, and a key part of those relationships is the longevity of our bankers. For more than 125 years, we have been Fort Worth’s bank, and it’s been an honor to serve this city’s people and its businesses.”

At the Chamber’s Annual Meeting, JPMorgan Chase will present a documentary video and Smith will accept the award.

JPMorgan Chase has served Fort Worth residents and businesses for more than 125 years, dating back to the bank’s founding as Fort Worth National Bank in 1873. Since then, the bank has grown to be a part of one of the world’s leading financial firms, with operations in 50 countries and more than \$1 trillion in assets.

Fort Worth remains a major market for JPMorgan Chase. The company employs more than 4,100 residents and serves customers through 49 area branches, with more on the way. JPMorgan Chase is also the market leader in serving Fort Worth businesses of all sizes, from start-ups to multi-national companies that call Fort Worth home.

Providing financial services to high net worth individuals and families is also a hallmark of JPMorgan Chase in Fort Worth. In fact, Fort Worth is home to JPMorgan Chase’s Specialty Assets Group, which draws on the strengths of longtime Fort Worth bankers who are experts in managing real estate; farm, ranch and timberlands; closely held business interests; and oil, gas and mineral properties, like the Barnett Shale natural gas field.

Like many local businesses, JPMorgan Chase has invested deeply in Fort Worth for its operating future. The firm opened a state-of-the-art operations center in the CentrePort business park earlier this decade, a site that processes more than 47 million customer transactions each month for consumer and business customers in six states.

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## Spirit of Enterprise Award Recipients

1975 Tandy Corporation  
1976 Mrs Baird's Bakeries, Inc.  
1977 Gearhart-Owen Industries, Inc.  
1978 Justin Industries, Inc.  
1979 The Western Company of North America  
1980 American Manufacturing Company of Texas  
1981 Texas Refinery Corp.  
1982 Standard Meat Company  
1983 Thornton Industries, Inc.  
1984 Williamson-Dickie Manufacturing Company  
1985 Texas American Bankshares Inc.  
1986 American Airlines, Inc.  
1987 Freese and Nichols, Inc.  
1988 General Dynamics  
1989 Pier 1 Imports, Inc.  
1991 Bell Helicopter Textron Inc.  
1992 Harris Methodist Health Systems  
1993 Burlington Northern Railroad  
1994 Alcon Laboratories, Inc.  
1995 Union Pacific Resources  
1996 Alliance Development Company, Inc.  
1997 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show  
1998 Southwestern Bell Telephone  
1999 Fort Worth Star-Telegram  
2000 TXU Electric & Gas  
2001 Carter & Burgess, Inc.  
2002 XTO Energy Inc.  
2003 *No award given*  
2004 Sundance Square  
2005 Texas Christian University  
2006 JPMorgan Chase