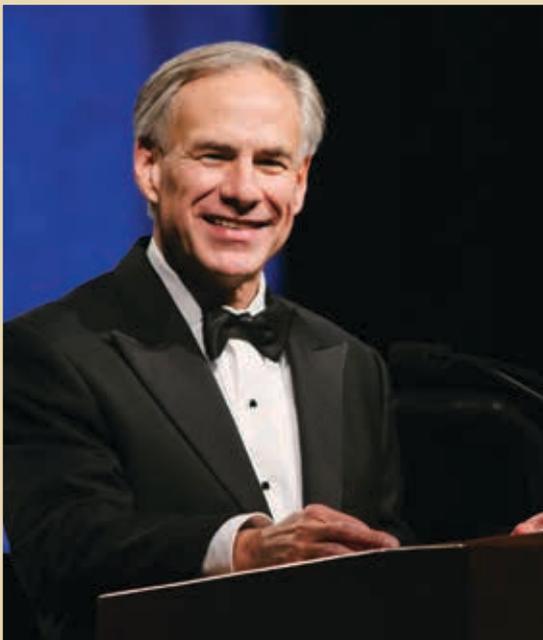


# Our Patriotic Commitment

## RUSSELL H. PERRY FREE ENTERPRISE DINNER



Governor Greg Abbott speaks at the Russell H. Perry Dinner

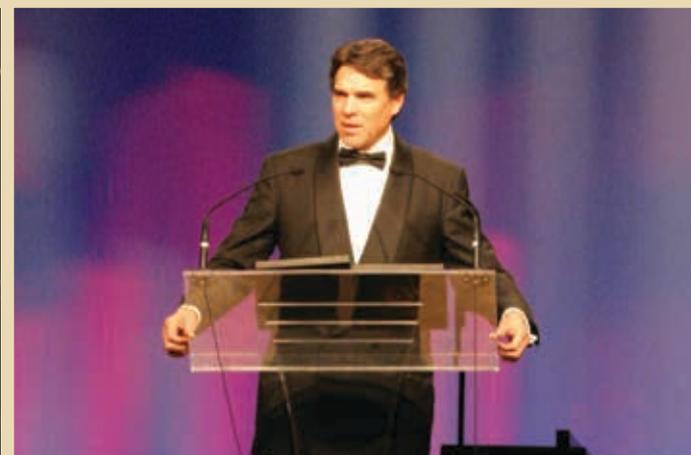
The Russell H. Perry Free Enterprise Award Dinner embodies DBU's commitment to promote the United States' economic system of free enterprise. The annual dinner has raised nearly \$5 million in scholarship funds for deserving DBU students. Each year, DBU recognizes one outstanding citizen for his or her "commitment to protecting and defending freedom and free enterprise" in America and around the world.

### Previous Award Recipients

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|------|--------------------------------|------|--|
| 2014 | Don Hodges                     | 2000 | Erle Nye   |
| 2013 | Bob Buford                     | 1999 | Ross Perot, Jr.  |
| 2012 | Vester Hughes                  | 1998 | Jim L. Turner  |
| 2011 | Norm Miller                    | 1997 | Rodger Meier   |
| 2010 | Dr. Wright L. Lassiter, Jr.    | 1996 | W. Forrest Smith   |
| 2009 | Tom Leppert                    | 1995 | Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim  |
| 2008 | Drayton McLane, Jr.            | 1994 | Bob Minyard, Liz Minyard, Gretchen Minyard Williams, and J.L. Sonny Williams |
| 2007 | Andy and Joan Horner           | 1993 | Boone Powell, Sr. and Boone Powell, Jr.                                      |
| 2006 | David A. Dean                  | 1992 | Dr. Kenneth H. Cooper  |
| 2005 | Pete Schenkel                  | 1991 | Tom Landry   |
| 2004 | Noble Hurley (posthumously)    | 1990 | Maurice and Ebby Halliday Acers  |
| 2003 | The Weir Furniture Family      | 1989 | Trammell Crow  |
| 2002 | George A. Shafer               | 1988 | John M. Stemmons, Sr.  |
| 2001 | Mary C. Crowley (posthumously) |      |  |



The Fife and Drum Corps from Lexington Academy in Dallas performs at the 1998 Russell H. Perry Dinner



Governor Rick Perry gives the keynote address at the 2007 Russell H. Perry Dinner



President George W. Bush with award honoree Bo Pilgrim at the 1995 Russell H. Perry Dinner

The dinner has featured several notable and inspirational keynote speakers throughout the years, including Texas Governors, U.S. Congressmen, and U.S. Presidents.

**Previous Keynote Speakers**

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|------|------------------------------|------|------------------------------|
| 2014 | Dr. Rose-Mary Rumbley        | 2000 | Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison |
| 2013 | Governor Greg Abbott         | 1999 | Governor Rick Perry          |
| 2012 | Dr. Jim Denison              | 1998 | Grant Teaff                  |
| 2011 | Joe Gibbs                    | 1997 | Tracy Rowlett                |
| 2010 | Neal Jeffrey                 | 1996 | John Sharp                   |
| 2009 | Tom Leppert                  | 1995 | President George W. Bush     |
| 2008 | Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison | 1994 | Jack W. Evans                |
| 2007 | Governor Rick Perry          | 1993 | Tom Landry                   |
| 2006 | Congressman Kenny Marchant   | 1992 | Drayton McLane, Jr.          |
| 2005 | Congressman J. C. Watts      | 1991 | Dr. Kenneth H. Cooper        |
| 2004 | George Gallup, Jr.           | 1990 | President George W. Bush     |
| 2003 | Senator John Cornyn          | 1989 | Bobby Inman                  |
| 2002 | Congressman Pete Sessions    | 1988 | William S. Banowsky          |
| 2001 | First Lady Barbara Bush      |      |                              |



First Lady Laura Bush speaks at Dallas Baptist University in November 2007 as the keynote speaker of the "Helping America's Youth" conference working to encourage and educate those who are manning the front lines to help troubled and at-risk youth



President Gerald Ford with John G. Mahler and Dr. Gary Cook at the Russell H. Perry Dinner in 1989



First Lady Barbara Bush, keynote speaker at the 2001 Russell H. Perry Dinner, with Mary C. Crowley's son and daughter, Donald Carter and Ruth Shanahan