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Kirk Kirkpatrick, Johnson County Auditor selected as the recipient of the 2016 Jerry Ware Leadership Award from the Texas Association of County Auditors

One of the highlights of the Texas Association of County Auditors fall conference, held in Fort Worth last week, was the presentation of the Jerry Ware Leadership Award to Kirk Kirkpatrick, Johnson County Auditor. In remarks before the entire assembly, the Association's President, Tom Green County Auditor Nathan Cradduck, said that the time had come to recognize Kirk's outstanding career and contributions to all the members. Mr. Cradduck said that Kirk embodies all the attributes that were held and professed by the award's namesake:

"For exceptional professionalism, leadership, self-discipline, ethics, loyalty, friendship, faith, compassion, courage and service to others"

County Auditors fulfill a unique role in Texas County government. In fact, 200 Counties rely heavily upon their Auditors to perform a multitude of financial duties, internal audits, and serve as a check and balance to ensure the integrity of County finances for the taxpayers. Singling out just one, from among the many outstanding Auditors, is a task that falls upon the President of the Association; to recognize a truly special Auditor who demonstrates all the qualities that Jerry Ware made a hallmark of the profession many years ago.

Kirk Kirkpatrick is just such a role model for all County Auditors, a true leader who helps others succeed, and a friend to County Auditors across the State. Cradduck said that the Texas Association of County Auditors is a better organization because of Kirk's service, and that Johnson County is fortunate to have his leadership and dedication.