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**Lt. Governor Dewhurst Reappoints Jimmy Mansour to  
CPRIT Oversight Committee**

AUSTIN—Today, Lt. Governor David Dewhurst reappointed Jimmy Mansour to the Cancer Prevention Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) Oversight Committee.

"The people of Texas have given their overwhelming support for a groundbreaking state initiative to battle cancer," said Lt. Governor Dewhurst. "With Jimmy Mansour's leadership, CPRIT will continue to develop more effective treatment and prevention programs, and ultimately help us find a cure for this terrible disease."

Having started several telecommunications companies, Mansour brings proven entrepreneurial leadership to CPRIT. He was appointed by Lt. Governor Dewhurst on June 20, 2008 and elected chairman of the Oversight Committee on August 14, 2008. Mansour is the founding chairman of CEO America, a non-profit organization providing education scholarships for low-income children in grades K-8. He was appointed to the Governor's Business Council in 2006 and the state's Advisory Board of Economic Development Stakeholders in 2007.

In August 2005, Mr. Mansour's wife, Sarah, was diagnosed with breast cancer. Over the course of her treatment, he became familiar with the various forms of treatment available to cancer patients, leading him to become active in cancer advocacy and promoting scientific studies in new cancer treatments.

CPRIT's goal is to expedite innovation and commercialization in the area of cancer research and enhance access to evidence-based prevention programs and services throughout the state. Under the guidance of the Oversight Committee, CPRIT accepts applications and awards grants for a wide variety of cancer-related research and for the delivery of cancer prevention programs and services by public and private entities located in Texas.

CPRIT is governed by 11 dedicated Texans who together comprise the Oversight Committee. Nine board members are appointed by the Governor, Lt. Governor and Speaker of the House to serve staggered terms.

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