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## PHOTO RELEASE

### **Dr. Neil Frank and Dr. Abelardo Saavedra Honored at Weather Museum's Hurricane Party November 15**

**What:**

The country's first weather museum honored two Houston stars during its annual "Night to Honor Our Weather Heroes" Hurricane Party on November 15. A crowd of about 100 people gathered to celebrate Dr. Neil Frank and Dr. Abelardo Saavedra for their commitment to weather safety and education.

Dr. Frank, perhaps best known as KHOU-TV's Chief Meteorologist, has spent his life educating the public on weather forecasting and weather safety. He spent more than a decade as director of the National Hurricane Center in Florida and has written countless papers that have affected the academic community. He spends many days speaking to Houstonians about the hazards of weather and promoting weather safety.

As Superintendent of Houston ISD, Dr. Saavedra and his teachers made a determined effort after Hurricane Katrina to incorporate as many students as possible into the Houston schools. Many other districts in the area followed suit and the important task of education continued for children who might have lost an entire school semester. Dr. Saavedra has implemented many programs to bring dropouts back to school and educate all students with the idea that college is both attainable and necessary for the future.

Texas Governor Rick Perry also sent his well wishes and expressed his appreciation for the hard work done by the Weather Research Center's Weather Museum.

The evening helped raise funds for the Weather Museum's educational programs in order to cultivate the nation's next generation of scientists and engineers.

**Museum  
Info:**

Learning about weather safety is a key element to the new John C. Freeman Weather Museum, which opened April 22 in the Houston Museum District. The new museum provides a fun and stimulating facility for people of all ages to learn about the weather, its history and public safety. The museum is located at 5104 Caroline in the Houston Museum District.

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