



Dennis Kennedy Lifetime Achievement Award

In order to recognize and honor the contributions of a heroic and legendary diversity pioneer, champion, and leader, the DallasHR Diversity Committee, created the **Dennis Kennedy Lifetime Achievement Award** in 2010. This award is given at the discretion of DallasHR Diversity Committee members to individuals who like Mr. Kennedy, work diligently to foster diversity and inclusion.

Mr. Kennedy truly “walks the walk and talks the talk.” His passion is a 24 hour a day, seven days a week undertaking. Few people can keep up with his grueling schedule. Yet, he consistently makes himself available to assist others and help them advance their pursuit of a more diverse and inclusive work and living space.

Mr. Kennedy’s convictions led him to literally walk away from a “real job” to launch the Texas Diversity Council. Since taking that “leap of faith”, he has launched two additional national organizations including National Women’s Council, (www.nationalwomenscouncil.org) which focuses on advocacy for women and the Council for Corporate Responsibility, (www.uscorporateresponsibility.org) which seeks to educate organizations on best practices in social responsibility..

Mr. Kennedy continues to contribute to the body of knowledge and helps to define and expand the cause of diversity, not just in the workplace, but in all walks of life.

As exemplified here, award recipients must embrace diversity and inclusion. They also must lead by example in this field by establishing and sharing best practices, providing educational tools and by being the caliber of professional who is always going above and beyond to establish inclusion in all they do. We also believe worthy individuals have had personal experiences that have fueled their passion for equality not only in the workplace, but in life.