

## EY Announces Robert R. Franklin, Jr. of CommunityBank of Texas, N.A. Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2018 Award Finalist in the Gulf Coast Area

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HOUSTON, May 03, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- EY announced today that Chairman and CEO of CommunityBank of Texas, N.A., Robert R. Franklin, Jr., is a finalist for the Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2018 Award in the Gulf Coast Area. The awards program recognizes entrepreneurs who are excelling in areas such as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Franklin was selected as a finalist by a panel of independent judges. Award winners will be announced at a special gala event on June 14<sup>th</sup> 2018, at the Marriott Marquis Houston.

“This award is a testament to a truly talented team at CommunityBank of Texas,” said Franklin. “Our commitment to serve and build strong relationships amongst our customers and in our communities is the bedrock of our business. And I’m proud of what we have accomplished so far.”

CBTX, Inc. (Nasdaq:CBTX) is the bank holding company for CommunityBank of Texas, N.A., a \$3.1 billion asset bank, offering commercial banking solutions to local small and mid-sized businesses and professionals in Houston, Beaumont and surrounding communities in southeast Texas. The Bank operates 18 branches located in the Houston market and its Beaumont market presence includes 15 branches. Market expertise, coupled with a deep understanding of their customers’ needs, allows the Bank to deliver tailored financial products and services. CommunityBank of Texas’ vision and focus is to continue to build a premier business bank that combines the sophisticated banking products of a large financial institution with the personalized service of a community bank.

Now in its 32nd year, the program has expanded to recognize business leaders in more than 145 cities and more than 60 countries throughout the world.

Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the Entrepreneur Of The Year National competition. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Overall Award winner, will be announced at the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 17, 2018. The awards are the culminating event of the Strategic Growth Forum<sup>®</sup>, the nation's most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies.

#### Sponsors

Founded and produced by EY, the Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards are nationally sponsored in the US by SAP America, the Kauffman Foundation and Merrill Corporation. In the Gulf Coast Area, regional sponsors include Colliers International, DLA Piper, ADP, Solomon Edwards, Chatham Financial, Pierpont Communications and Houston Business Journal.

#### About CommunityBank of Texas, N.A.

CommunityBank of Texas, N.A. is a commercial bank offering solutions to small and mid-sized businesses and professionals in Houston, Beaumont and surrounding communities in southeast Texas. CommunityBank of Texas, N.A. is the wholly-owned bank subsidiary of CBTX, Inc., a bank holding company traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol "CBTX." Visit [www.communitybankoftx.com](http://www.communitybankoftx.com) for more information.

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#### About Entrepreneur Of The Year<sup>®</sup>

Entrepreneur Of The Year<sup>®</sup>, founded by EY, is the world's most prestigious business awards program for entrepreneurs, chosen from an independent panel of judges including entrepreneurs and prominent leaders from business, finance, and the local community. The program makes a difference through the way it encourages entrepreneurial activity among those with potential and recognizes the contribution of people who inspire others with their vision, leadership and achievement. As the first and only truly global awards program of its kind, Entrepreneur Of The Year celebrates those who are building and leading successful, growing and dynamic businesses, recognizing them through regional, national and global awards programs in more than 145 cities and more than 60 countries. [ey.com/eoy](http://ey.com/eoy)

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