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AUSTIN, TEXAS—On September 20, 2006, the Texas Retailers Association honored Julee Magness with its “Outstanding Service to the Retail Community” award. She was celebrated at TRA’s Annual Awards Banquet held in Houston, Texas.

Magness is the Manager of the Drug and Medical Device Inspections Unit with the Texas Department of State Health Services. She graduated from Texas Tech University and went to work for the environmental health division of the Lubbock Health Department. She subsequently moved to Austin and worked for the environmental health division of the Austin/Travis County Health Department. She then took a position as a Drug and Medical Device Investigator with the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Most recently, Magness worked closely with the DPS, FBI, Department of Homeland Security, Customs, Pasadena PD, Texas Attorney General’s Office, TDH WIC program, and statewide retailers to stop the theft of infant formula, one of the most common products stolen in organized retail theft rings and circulated on the black market.

Because of her exhaustive work on protecting storeowners and consumers alike, TRA has commended her efforts.

*The Texas Retailers Association is a 501(c) 6 non-profit trade association representing all segments of the retail industry: general merchandise, department stores, independent retailers, mass merchandisers, convenience stores, supermarkets and grocery stores, chain drug stores and pharmacies, and a wide array of specialty retailers. TRA’s 1,500-plus members operate more than 25,000 stores, employ more than 500,000 Texans, and account for more than \$75 billion in sales annually. For additional information about the Association, visit [www.txretailers.org](http://www.txretailers.org).*