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Framingham Businesswoman Wins National Transportation Award

Jo-Anne Thompson of Tommy's Taxi makes it a trifecta in transportation honors

(ROCKVILLE, Maryland)— Tommy's Taxi president Jo-Anne Thompson has been named the 2016 Outstanding Contributor to Women in Transportation by the Taxicab, Limousine and Paratransit Association (TLPA).

Thompson's father, a World War II veteran, founded Tommy's Taxi in Framingham, Massachusetts, in 1946. It has since grown into a regional institution that has twice before been highlighted for its outstanding work providing accessible transportation to riders with disabilities. Thompson has been president of Tommy's Taxi since 1999, using her experience in the computer industry to help the company move forward with digital technology.

"Jo-Anne represents the quality of the past combined with the innovation of the future," said Alfred LaGasse, CEO of TLPA. "She's pushing forward with a cloud-based dispatch system while maintaining an unrivaled standard of excellence in customer service. Jo-Anne also helped establish and then chaired TLPA's Women in Transportation Committee, sharing her experience with her fellow fleet operators."

Thompson recently helped raise more than \$700,000 to fund a new public library that opened in May, and is involved in several civic organizations, including the Framingham Business Association, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Tourism and Visitors Bureau. Thompson, a former English teacher, hopes to assist with further fundraising for a bookmobile this year.

Thompson will accept her award in front of more than 1,000 industry professionals at the TLPA's 98th Annual Convention & Trade Show on Nov. 1 at the Hyatt Regency / Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Arizona.

About TLPA:

Established in 1917, the Taxicab, Limousine & Paratransit Association (TLPA) is a non-profit trade association of and for the private passenger transportation industry. Its extensive membership spans the globe to include 1,000 taxicab companies, executive sedan and limousine services, airport shuttle fleets, non-emergency medical transportation companies, paratransit services, and industry vendors. For more information, please visit www.tlpa.org

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