The Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty is holding a Champions of Justice reception from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15, at the Station Museum of Contemporary Art, 1502 Alabama St.

The reception will honor and thank Houstonians who have contributed to the discussion of the death penalty's abolishment. Organizers hope that the event will help the movement gain momentum. The event will recognize three members of the community.

State Rep. Jessica Farrar has been a public servant since 1994. She is on the House Committee on Environmental Regulation and the Border and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee. Since 2007, Farrar has been pushing for legislation to repeal the death penalty.

David R. Dow is a distinguished professor at the University of Houston Law Center. He is the founder of the Texas Innocence Network and has worked with many death row inmates in their state and federal appeals.

Professor Nicole Casarez is an attorney and professor at the University of St. Thomas where she teaches journalism and other courses. She has worked with her students to investigate capital and non-capital cases with the Texas Innocence Network. The work done by Casarez and her students on behalf of Anthony Graves, who was convicted of a capital crime, resulted in him being set free.

Tickets to the reception can be purchased for $50 by contacting TCADP at 512-441-1808 or Khoule@tcadp.org. They can also be purchased by clicking here.

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