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THE **QUAIL-TECH ALLIANCE** & Texas Tech University
are proud to announce the winner of the

2017

QUAIL PATRIOT OF TEXAS AWARD



KELLY THOMPSON

Each year **THE QUAIL-TECH ALLIANCE** presents the Quail Patriot of Texas Award to an individual who has excelled in quail conservation and innovations to save our precious birds. This year's award goes to Kelly Thompson.

Kelly, an avid quail hunter, has spent much of his adult life dedicated to conservation and operates ranches and farms in Shackelford, Reeves, and Culberson counties. Since 2011, he has served as chair of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Upland Game Bird Advisory Board and the Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation. In 2017, a new professorship has been established at BRI in his honor, the Kelly R. Thompson Professor in Quail Research. Kelly also serves on the Borderlands Research Institute advisory board at Sul Ross University in Alpine, Texas.

Kelly will be presented with the award at tonight's **Cross Timbers Quail Banquet** in Ft. Worth.