

Awards Dinner

2020 MIDLAND



(R TO L) GUY MABEE (GRANDFATHER), JE MABEE (GREAT UNCLE),
JOSEPH GUY MABEE, SR. (FATHER)

*J*ohn E. Mabee was raised on a small farm in Missouri. He was a resourceful man and not afraid of failure. When opportunities arose, he took the chance, and when failures occurred, he tried again. In time, he became a very successful oil man, rancher, and philanthropist with holdings and interests across multiple states. In 1923, John E. Mabee established the Mabee Ranch north of Midland on lands initially leased and subsequently purchased. He loved that ranch and quickly established a herd of around 5,000 Herefords.

John E. Mabee believed in working hard. He also believed in helping others achieve their dreams. In 1948, he and his wife founded the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation for the purpose of giving back to the community through grants to education, Christian charity, and medical facilities. He also believed strongly in American ideals and strongly supported America. He was a true conservative, believing in the ability of people to achieve great success if given the right tools, rather than just a simple handout.

Having no children of their own, John and Lottie left the Mabee Ranch in the hands of John's nephew Guy Mabee, who, along with his son Joe, carried on the tradition of oil development, ranching, and philanthropy. Joe was an ardent patriot and quite active in conservative politics. The family's association with the Texas Public Policy Foundation began when Joe saw the vision of what is today known as the Life:Powered initiative. He invested substantially in what has become the premier educational and policy-shaping initiative for affordable energy which helps lift people out of poverty.

Under the leadership of John W. Mabee, the Mabee family continues the legacy of good business sense, a respect for God's creation, and wise philanthropy. The guiding values of the family are gratitude, generosity, integrity, stewardship, and sustainability. Having strategic alliances with various operators, the family is ensuring that the Mabee Ranch resources will be sustained in an environmentally and fiscally responsible manner. It is one of the family's goals for the Mabee Ranch to be a real demonstration of energy development while respecting God's creation. ~

