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Douglas Scharbauer is a prominent Texas businessman, philanthropist, and lifelong Thoroughbred racing enthusiast. A native of Midland, Texas, Mr. Scharbauer manages oil and gas assets alongside diverse real estate stretching across Texas and New Mexico.

Beyond his enterprises, he is the owner and operator of Valor Farm, a premier 393-acre, state-of-the-art Thoroughbred facility nestled in Pilot Point, Texas. Under his guidance, Valor Farm has solidified its reputation as a cornerstone of the Texas racing and breeding industry.

Mr. Scharbauer's profound dedication to horse racing honors and extends a storied family legacy. The Scharbauer family name has long been synonymous with the pinnacle of American racing, famously producing two legendary Kentucky Derby champions: Tomy Lee in 1959 and the Hall of Fame colt Alysheba in 1987. Mr. Scharbauer proudly added a new chapter to this remarkable heritage with his brilliant filly, Always A Runner, who captured a thrilling victory in the prestigious 152nd Kentucky Oaks on May 1, 2026.

A proud and dedicated alumnus of Texas Christian University (TCU), Mr. Scharbauer is a longtime booster and passionate supporter of Horned Frog athletics and academic initiatives.

Despite his wide-reaching business and racing ventures, he remains deeply rooted in his hometown of Midland. Continuing a multigenerational family tradition of civic leadership, Mr. Scharbauer serves as a member of the Board of Governors at the Midland Memorial Foundation and is a committed philanthropist who actively gives back to local causes, championing initiatives that strengthen and uplift communities across the Permian Basin.