

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 121

WHEREAS, Joe D. Gunn, longtime president of the Texas AFL-CIO, is retiring in 2003, bringing to a close a lengthy and distinguished career as a labor leader and activist; and

WHEREAS, Employed with Southwestern Bell Corporation for 22 years, Mr. Gunn joined Communications Workers of America Local 6222 in 1949 and worked for that organization for 11 years; as a member of the CWA Bargaining Committee, he helped negotiate contracts for 60,000 CWA members in a five-state region; and

WHEREAS, A forceful voice for the labor movement, Mr. Gunn served as vice president and president of the Harris County AFL-CIO and as vice president of the Texas AFL-CIO; he has served as president of the statewide organization since his election to that post in 1989; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his untiring efforts on behalf of the AFL-CIO, Mr. Gunn served for seven years as the commissioner representing workers on the Texas Employment Commission; and

WHEREAS, Born June 8, 1931, this outstanding Texan attended the University of Houston and served with the Marines in the Korean War; while striving to advance the welfare of working men and women, he has also given unstintingly of his time and energy on behalf of other worthy causes, serving on the Sam Houston Council Executive Board for the Boy Scouts of America, as president of the Parent-Teacher Association at Mary Louise Alcott and Foster Place elementary schools in Houston, as vice president of the Harris County United Way, and as a board member of United Way; a valued congregant of the United Methodist Church, he has served as a board member and a youth director at both First United Methodist Church in Madisonville and Foster Place United Methodist Church in Houston; and

WHEREAS, The devoted husband of Dorothy Ann Taylor Gunn, Mr. Gunn is also the proud father of four children and six foster children; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Joe Gunn has stood as one of the state's most outspoken, unfaltering advocates for the cause of social and economic justice, and his steadfast efforts to help workers achieve greater security and hope for a brighter future have earned him the affection and esteem of countless Texans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Joe D. Gunn on the occasion of his retirement as president of the Texas AFL-CIO and extend to him and his family sincere best wishes for happiness and fulfillment in the years ahead; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Joe Gunn as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 24, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate