

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 651

WHEREAS, Raleigh K. Roussell retired as president and chief executive officer of TEXO in December 2012, concluding an exceptional career in the commercial building industry that spanned nearly half a century; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roussell served for more than four decades with TEXO, today the largest commercial contractors association in Texas and one of the largest groups affiliated with the national Associated Builders and Contractors and The Associated General Contractors of America; and

WHEREAS, Early in his career, from 1968 to 1971, Mr. Roussell served on the staff of the Dallas chapter of the Associated General Contractors; after leaving for a time to work for one of the organization's members, he returned to lead the Dallas Associated General Contractors in 1976; over the ensuing years, he continued to guide the staff as the Dallas chapter merged with the Fort Worth chapter and then, in 2009, as that organization joined with the North Texas chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors to form TEXO; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has received a number of honors for his outstanding work in behalf of his industry, including induction into the Contractors Hall of Fame at Texas A&M University and designation as an Honorary Life Member of the American Institute of Architects; he has also earned the SIR Award from the Associated General Contractors, the Industry Lifetime Achievement Award from the Associated Schools of Construction, and the Chairman's Award from the Black Contractors Association; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community as well, Mr. Roussell has contributed to area development as a member of the Dallas 2000 Planning Committee and the Mayor's Task Force on Downtown Dallas; his involvement with the Dallas Youth Services Corps Board, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, American Heart Association, and Spring Valley Athletic Association has touched many lives, and he has further given back as a member of the Texas A&M University Board of Visitors and Custer Road United Methodist Church in Plano; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roussell has been blessed with the support of a loving family, which includes his wife of 48 years, Judith Hermann Roussell, his two children, and his five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Raleigh Roussell has made an immeasurable contribution to the commercial building industry in Texas, and he may reflect with justifiable pride on his many accomplishments as he looks forward to the next chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby honor Raleigh K. Roussell on his distinguished career as the chief executive of TEXO and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Roussell as an expression of esteem 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 April 15, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate