

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Paul Foster, chair of The University of Texas System  
2 Board of Regents, has long distinguished himself through his  
3 dedicated service in behalf of his fellow Texans; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in East Texas, Paul Foster grew up in  
5 Lovington, New Mexico, and worked his way through college,  
6 graduating from Baylor University in 1979 with a bachelor's degree  
7 in accounting; he managed finances for oil refineries across the  
8 Southwest before founding his own firm, Western Refining, in 1997;  
9 he currently acts as president and CEO of the company, which  
10 operates two refineries and owns 200 convenience stores in the  
11 United States; in addition, he chairs Western Refining Logistics  
12 and Northern Tier Energy and is a board member of Jordan Foster  
13 Construction, WestStar Bank, and the El Paso branch of the Dallas  
14 Federal Reserve Bank; and

15           WHEREAS, This accomplished Texan has consistently worked for  
16 the betterment of his community and state by taking an active role  
17 in a number of worthy groups, including the El Paso Chamber of  
18 Commerce, the Texas Business Leadership Council, and the Steering  
19 Committee of the Borderplex Regional Economic Alliance; in 2007,  
20 Governor Rick Perry appointed him to The University of Texas System  
21 Board of Regents, which he led as vice chair beginning in 2009 and  
22 has served as chair since 2013; he also served as chair of The  
23 University of Texas Investment Management Company Board of  
24 Directors; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Foster has further given generously of his time  
2 and resources to support such notable organizations as the Plaza  
3 Theatre, the Red Cross, United Way, and the Salvation Army;  
4 moreover, he donated \$50 million to Texas Tech University for the  
5 construction of a new medical school, now named in his honor, and he  
6 and his business partner, Jeff Stevens, gave \$6 million to The  
7 University of Texas at El Paso to fund the Foster-Stevens  
8 Basketball Center; in recognition of his generosity and public  
9 spirit, El Paso Inc. named him the 2007 El Pasoan of the Year; and

10           WHEREAS, Paul Foster has proven himself a leader of great  
11 vision and ability, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his  
12 outstanding efforts to improve the quality of life of all Texans;  
13 now, therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby commend Paul Foster for his exceptional record  
16 of public service and philanthropy and extend to him sincere best  
17 wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

18           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for Mr. Foster as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
20 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2397

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2397 was adopted by the House on May 21, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House