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H.R. No. 2397

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.