

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Charles Hardy retired from Austin Industries in
2 December 2014, after an outstanding tenure with the company that
3 spanned 35 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Hardy managed the legal affairs of one of the
5 largest general contractors in the nation as general counsel for
6 Austin Industries; an expert in contract drafting and negotiation,
7 he was responsible for many commercial, transportation, and
8 industrial construction projects; he also helped develop the Zero
9 Claim Project, a program designed to detect and prevent issues in
10 order to minimize losses, claims, and litigation; and

11 WHEREAS, For more than a quarter-century, this esteemed Texan
12 mediated construction disputes as a member of the American
13 Arbitration Association Panel of Construction Arbitrators; among
14 the other organizations to benefit from his interest were the
15 Associated General Contractors of America and the Construction
16 Industry Ethics and Compliance Initiative; following his work with
17 Austin Industries, he became of counsel to the construction law
18 firm Slates Harwell; and

19 WHEREAS, Respected and admired by his colleagues, Mr. Hardy
20 received the Robert H. Dedman Award for Ethics and Law from the
21 General Counsel Forum in 2013; he holds a bachelor of arts degree
22 from The University of Texas at Austin as well as a juris doctor
23 degree from St. Mary's University School of Law; and

24 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Charles Hardy has

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1 distinguished himself through his dedication, professionalism, and
2 commitment to excellence, and he may indeed reflect with pride on
3 his many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
5 Legislature hereby honor Charles Hardy for his 35 years of service
6 to Austin Industries and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
7 future; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Mr. Hardy as an expression of high regard by the Texas
10 House of Representatives.

Davis of Dallas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2760 was adopted by the House on May 21, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House