

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ronald Joseph Gafford is retiring from Austin
2 Industries in Dallas, concluding a distinguished career that has
3 spanned more than four decades in the construction industry; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1972, Ron Gafford began working for the Henry C.
5 Beck Company as a project engineer and estimator, and he was
6 subsequently employed by the Trammell Crow Company; he joined
7 Austin Industries in 1996, and he served as chair, president, chief
8 operating officer, and chief executive officer; from 2012 to 2014,
9 he was a consultant to the chief executive officer and the board of
10 directors; he holds a bachelor's degree in building construction
11 from Texas A&M University, and he also completed the Advanced
12 Management Program at Harvard Business School; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Gafford has served North Texas in numerous
14 leadership roles, including as chair of the Greater Dallas Chamber
15 of Commerce, of the Interfaith Housing Coalition, and of the Dallas
16 Symphony Association; in addition, he has been a member of the
17 advisory board for the Dallas Business Committee for the Arts and of
18 the Texas A&M University Dean's Advisory Council for the College of
19 Architecture, and he presently has a seat on the operating board of
20 Presbyterian Communities and Services; and

21 WHEREAS, Through his skill, dedication, and commitment to
22 excellence, Ron Gafford has earned the respect and admiration of
23 all who are fortunate enough to know him, and he may indeed reflect
24 with pride on his many personal and professional accomplishments;

1 now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Ronald Joseph Gafford on his
4 retirement from Austin Industries and extend to him sincere best
5 wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 3217

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 3217 was adopted by the House on May 30, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House