

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dick Lavine retired as a senior fiscal analyst at  
2 Every Texan on September 30, 2024, drawing to a close an exemplary  
3 tenure with the nonprofit that spanned three decades; and

4 WHEREAS, A licensed attorney, Mr. Lavine joined Every Texan  
5 in 1994, and he distinguished himself through his advocacy for  
6 developing state and local revenue systems that meet Texans' needs;  
7 he is a chartered financial analyst and a trustee of the City of  
8 Austin Employees Retirement System, and from 1997 to 2018, he was  
9 the chair of the Travis Central Appraisal District Board of  
10 Directors; in May 2024, he returned to the board following a  
11 successful campaign for a newly created elected position; in  
12 addition, he serves as vice chair of the City of Austin Employees  
13 Retirement Board of Trustees, and he is a member of the boards of  
14 AFSCME Texas Retirees, Chapter 12, and the Progress Texas  
15 Institute; among his many achievements, he was named a Champion for  
16 Equity by the Equity Center, recognizing his work to reform the  
17 state tax system to better support public services; and

18 WHEREAS, Prior to joining Every Texan, Mr. Lavine worked  
19 full-time in the anti-Vietnam War movement for two years, and he  
20 served as a clerk to a local judge before becoming a public defender  
21 in Philadelphia; he moved to Austin in 1979, and five years later,  
22 he embarked on a decade-long tenure as a senior researcher for the  
23 House Research Organization of the Texas House of Representatives,  
24 where he wrote on the Edgewood school finance cases as well as tax

1 and budget issues; he holds a bachelor's degree in economics from  
2 Harvard College and a doctor of jurisprudence from the University  
3 of Pennsylvania; and

4 WHEREAS, Through his professionalism, dedication, and  
5 commitment to excellence, Dick Lavine has earned the respect and  
6 admiration of all those who have had the privilege of working with  
7 him, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his accomplishments;  
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Dick Lavine on his retirement from  
11 Every Texan and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued  
12 success in all his endeavors; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for Mr. Lavine as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
15 House of Representatives.

Flores  
Howard  
Hinojosa  
Wu

Cole  
Goodwin  
Rodríguez Ramos  
Zwiener

H.R. No. 258

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 258 was adopted by the House on April 17, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 109, Nays 32, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House