

By: Flores

H.R. No. 258

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.