

Texas Workforce Commission

Message from the Commissioners

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MEDIA CONTACT: Lisa Givens

DATE: April 5, 2016

PHONE: 512-463-8556

Texas Workforce Commission Statement on Passing of Former Labor Commissioner Joe Gunn

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar, TWC Employer Commissioner Ruth R. Hughs and TWC Labor Commissioner Julian Alvarez today released the following statements on the passing of Joe Gunn, who served as Labor Commissioner from 1973-1979 when TWC was known as the Texas Employment Commission. Gunn was a champion for labor issues and worked on behalf of Texas workers for more than four decades.

“Former Labor Commissioner Joe Gunn’s legacy will live on in the work he accomplished so steadfastly on behalf of Texas workers for many decades. I am inspired by his passion, vision and accomplishments,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez.

“We want to recognize Joe Gunn’s advocacy for Texas workers and salute his service to our country as a former member of the U.S. Marine Corps,” said Chairman Alcantar.

“We applaud the dedication and passion that Joe Gunn showed in his work,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. “Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and community.”

##lfg

The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the services it offers in coordination with its network of local workforce development boards, call 512-463-8942 or visit www.texasworkforce.org. To receive notifications about TWC programs and services subscribe to our [email updates](#).