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LEACH HONORED WITH 2021 LAT LEGISLATIVE CHAMPION AWARD

LAT Selects Texas Legislator for Pro-LBM Industry Legislative Victories

AUSTIN, Texas (September 30, 2021) – The Lumbermen's Association of Texas (LAT), a non-profit trade association that represents lumber and building material dealers and the LBM industry in Texas, announced today that State Representative Jeff Leach (R-Plano) has been selected as a LAT Legislative Champion award recipient.

“Chairman Leach is a relentless, passionate advocate for the building materials industry at the Texas legislature,” said Harley “Bubba” Finnell, President of the LAT Board of Directors and an owner at Oldham Lumber Company in Dallas, Texas. “Our membership shared with Chairman Leach the challenges we were having maintaining insurance and defending our truck drivers; the lifeline of our businesses and critical to our ability to deliver building materials to job sites across our state. He spearheaded the campaign to do something about frivolous lawsuits in trucking accidents and we are grateful for his efforts.”

During the recent 87th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature, Chairman Leach passed House Bill 19, litigation reform in trucking accident that requires bifurcation of a trial arising from a commercial vehicle accident, limits certain types of discovery and requires admission of videos and photographs of the accident. He also led the passage of the Pandemic Liability Protection Act, Senate Bill 6 by Senator Kelly Hancock, in the Texas House.

“Chairman Leach’s hard work and success will result in meaningful, tangible relief for independent, family-owned lumberyards like ours,” said Jack Foxworth, President and CEO of Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Company, a business headquartered in Plano and House District 67. “We are so proud that our State Representative led the charge to pass two key bills for the Texas lumber and building materials industry, and all essential businesses in our state, who stayed open in support of our communities during the pandemic.”

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“The Texas lumber building materials industry has been key to our state’s economic recovery and it was an honor to work with LAT on behalf of its membership at the Texas Legislature,” said State Representative Leach. “I look forward to many more years of working together in support of pro-business legislation that supports these Texas employers and the great work that they do in communities all across our state.”

Chairman Leach was presented the LAT Legislative Champion award at its 135th Convention & Expo on September 14th in Frisco, Texas.

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About Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Company

Foxworth-Galbraith is one of the largest lumber and building materials suppliers in the Southwest, guided by a tradition of putting its customers first. Foxworth-Galbraith operates a diverse group of operations that focus on single-family construction, light commercial construction and home improvement. Since 1901, they have been meeting the needs of both professionals and homeowners in Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona.

The Foxworth and Galbraith families founded the company in 1901. Headquartered in Plano, Texas, Foxworth-Galbraith is still a family owned and operated company where hard work, honesty, integrity and strong values haven’t swayed in over 100 years.

About Jeff Leach

State Representative Jeff Leach proudly serves the citizens of House District 67 in the heart of Collin County. Now serving in his fifth term, Representative Leach has consistently proven himself to be a committed conservative and effective leader in the Texas Capitol and has worked tirelessly to ensure that Texas remains strong for future generations. Born and raised in Plano, Representative Leach graduated from Plano Senior High before attending Baylor University. He earned his law degree from Southern Methodist University’s Dedman School of Law, and currently practices at the law firm of Gray Reed & McGraw LLP in Dallas. Named a “Rising Star” by Texas Super Lawyer, Jeff specializes in complex commercial and civil litigation, construction law and real estate. Jeff and his wife Becky, a speaker, writer and artist, are the proud parents of three children.

About the Lumbermen’s Association of Texas

Founded in 1886, the Lumbermen’s Association of Texas (LAT) is a non-profit trade association that represents lumber and building material dealers, the majority independent, multi-generational family-owned businesses. Headquartered in Austin, Texas, LAT staff engages its

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volunteer membership in advancing public policy at the state and federal level, educational and networking opportunities, and in developing the next generation of industry leaders. LAT also hosts an annual convention and expo, the largest gathering of CEOs/Principals of Texas' building material industry. LAT's mission is to create unity, strength, and a spirit of cooperation among building material suppliers to advance the industry. To learn more about us visit lat.org.

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