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Gov. Perry Names Pauken as Chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission

AUSTIN – Gov. Rick Perry appointed Tom Pauken of Dallas as chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission for a term to expire Feb. 1, 2013. The commission oversees and provides workforce development services to employers and job seekers throughout the state.

Pauken is founder and president of TWP, Inc. He formerly served in the White House Counsel Office under President Reagan and was subsequently appointed by the president to serve as director of ACTION, an independent federal agency. At ACTION, Pauken founded the Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program and helped lead the implementation of First Lady Nancy Reagan's *Just Say No to Drugs* campaign. He is a board member of TOR Minerals International Inc. and FutureMatrix Interventional. Pauken is also a member of the State Bar of Texas, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Knights of Columbus.

He received a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University and a law degree from Southern Methodist University. Pauken replaces Diane Rath of San Antonio.

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