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Wayne Christian Chairman and Railroad Commissioner of Texas

A lifelong conservative businessman, Wayne Christian was elected to join the Railroad Commission of Texas in November 2016.

Christian graduated from high school as valedictorian, and went on to graduate from Stephen F. Austin State University with a B.B.A. in General Business in 1973. After college, Christian found success in the music industry with his country/gospel band, the Mercy River Boys and went on to be finalist for a Grammy Award in 1979. He was later inducted into the Texas Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2015.

In 1987, after gaining valuable experience in business, banking and real estate, Wayne Christian opened the financial services business – he is a three time AIG top advisor nationwide.

In 1996, Christian was elected to the House of Representatives as the first Republican elected from Deep East Texas since Reconstruction after the Civil War. During his time in the House, Christian was a leader for the conservative renaissance in the State of Texas and successfully assisted in the fight to elect a Republican majority in the Texas Legislature.

During his time in the Texas House, Christian served as Vice-Chair of Regulated Industries and as a multi-term member of the Energy Resource Committee. On these committees, he had direct oversight of the Railroad Commission and accumulated a strong record of standing for free markets and against burdensome regulations. In 2008, he was named ALEC's National Legislator of the Year.

Wayne has been married to his wonderful wife Lisa for over 40 years, and they have three daughters – Liza, Lindsey, and Lauren. Together, they are members of the First Baptist Church in Center, where he has served as a member of

the Texas Baptist Men's Laity Board. He also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Shelby County Senior Citizen Corporation of Texas.