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**STATE HOMEBUILDERS GROUP VOWS TO CONTINUE WORKING
WITH GOVERNOR AND LAWMAKERS TO KEEP TEXAS ECONOMY STRONG**

TAB among groups meeting today with Governor Rick Perry

AUSTIN – The Texas Association of Builders (TAB) was among several trade associations that met today with Governor Rick Perry to discuss the current national economic situation and its impact on key Texas industries and the state economy. TAB’s attendees include TAB Executive Director Scott Norman and TAB President and Amarillo homebuilder Ron Connally.

The following statement can be attributed to Connally:

“Texas’ economy remains one of the strongest in the nation, and the Texas Association of Builders applauds Governor Rick Perry for taking proactive steps to ensure our state’s economy remains vibrant even as the national economy is troubled. We appreciate being included in today’s meeting.

“Governor Perry rightly recognizes that maintaining a strong housing industry is crucial to the overall economic health of our state. Currently, Texas’ housing industry is outpacing the rest of the nation. The Texas Association of Builders and its almost 13,000 members are committed to working with the Governor and the Texas Legislature not only to ensure continued growth of our industry and economic prosperity, but to keep housing affordable for Texans.”

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ABOUT TAB: *Founded in 1946, the Texas Association of Builders (TAB) is an affiliate of the National Association of Home Builders and has 33 local home builders associations across Texas. Representing over 500,000 jobs and more than \$35 billion in the Texas economy, the state and local associations play a crucial role in providing housing for Texans. With nearly 13,000 members, TAB is the nation’s third largest home builders association.*