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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Taylor Wayne Kent

(Middle)

Symbol Texas Roadhouse, Inc. [TXRH]

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2017

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

Chairman, CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

C/O TEXAS ROADHOUSE, INC., 6040 DUTCHMANS LANE

(State)

(First)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Zip)

LOUISVILLE, KY 40205

| | | Table 1-1001-Delivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, of Deficiciany Owned | | | | | | | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securitie oner Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 | d of (E and 5) (A) or |)) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2017 | | S | 200,000 | D | \$ 51.09 (1) | 3,908,231 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/08/2017 | | S | 100,000 | D | \$ 50.61 (2) | 3,808,231 | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

8. Price Derivation Security (Instr. 5)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transact Code (Instr. 8) | 5. ionNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Number Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Securities Acquired A) or Disposed of (D) Instr. 3, | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | Code V | ' (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units | (3) | | | | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 15,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Taylor Wayne Kent | | | | | | | |
| C/O TEXAS ROADHOUSE, INC. | X | | Chairman, | | | | |
| 6040 DUTCHMANS LANE | Λ | | CEO | | | | |
| LOUISVILLE, KY 40205 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Celia Catlett, by Power of Attorney

12/11/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Weighted average sales price reported. These shares were sold within the range of \$50.69 and \$51.89. The reporting person will provide full information regarding the specific number of shares sold at each separate price upon request by the Commission Staff, the Company, or any security holder of the Company.
- Weighted average sales price reported. These shares were sold within the range of \$50.00 and \$51.50. The reporting person will provide full information regarding the specific number of shares sold at each separate price upon request by the Commission Staff, the Company, or any security holder of the Company.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a conditional right to receive one share of the Company's Common Stock.
- (4) The restricted stock units vest on January 8, 2018. Delivery of the shares to the reporting person will occur on January 8, 2018, subject to the reporting person's continued service with the Company.

Remarks:

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