



Walter Johnson
Founder and Senior Chairman

Walter Johnson is the Founder and Senior Chairman of Amegy Bank, one of the leading regional banks in Texas. Personally raising \$21.5 million from colleagues and friends in 1990 to capitalize the bank, Walter took the company public in 1997. In late 2005, Amegy Bank became a member of the Zions Bancorporation collection of great banks, realizing \$1.7 billion for his shareholders. Today, Amegy Bank has assets of \$14 billion, more than 80 branches in Houston, Dallas and San Antonio, and nearly 2,000 employees.

Walter graduated with a business degree from Texas Christian University in 1958 and immediately began his banking career by joining Factoring Services, Inc. He has since furthered his education in accounting, business and finance.

For 18 years, Walter was President and CEO of Allied Bank of Texas, a Houston bank he led in growth from \$100 million to \$5 billion in total assets to become Houston's third largest institution. When the company was sold in 1989 to First Interstate Bank of California, Walter left to start Amegy Bank.

In addition to the influence he has had in business, Walter has dedicated many of his efforts to making an impact within his community. He has chaired or co-chaired campaigns that raised well over \$150 million for important Houston charitable endeavors, such as Star of Hope Women and Children's Shelter, Boy Scouts of America, capital campaigns for Minority Housing and Minority Small Business, the Association for Mexican American Students, Reasoning Mind Education, and many others. Most recently, he co-chaired Memorial Hermann Hospital's \$44 million campaign to purchase new helicopters for Life Flight.

Walter is a past director of the Houston branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. He is a member of the Texas Business Hall of Fame, the Texas Bankers Hall of Fame, Houston's Men of Distinction, and has received the American Advertising Federation's highest honor, the Houston Trailblazer Award. He has often been recognized for his entrepreneurial and civic commitment to Houston.

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