

Texas Roadhouse, Inc.
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ZARLEY JAMES R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

LOUISVILLE, KY 40205

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Texas Roadhouse, Inc. [TXRH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/22/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 12/22/2016 | | G | V 3,500 (1) | D \$ 0 100,500 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/22/2016 | | G | 3,500 A | \$ 0 3,500 | I | Zarley Family Foundation (2) |
| Common Stock | 01/09/2017 | | M | 8,500 (3) | A \$ 0 109,000 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,400 | I | Zarley Investments, LP (4) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 23,800 | I | James R. Zarley Living |

Trust ⁽⁵⁾

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)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Restricted Stock Units | (6) | 01/09/2017 | | M | 8,500 | (7) (7) | Common Stock | 8,500 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (6) | | | | | (8) (8) | Common Stock | 8,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ZARLEY JAMES R C/O TEXAS ROADHOUSE, INC. 6040 DUTCHMANS LANE LOUISVILLE, KY 40205 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Celia Catlett Power of Attorney
01/10/2017

**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).

(1) This transaction represents a bona fide gift of common stock to the reporting person's charitable foundation, Zarley Family Foundation.

The reporting person has investment control over the securities of Zarley Family Foundation. The reporting person disclaims beneficial

(2) ownership within the meaning of Rule 16a-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, of such portion of those shares in which the reporting person has no actual pecuniary interest.

(3) Represents restricted stock units that are fully vested on the transaction date.

The reporting person is the General Partner of Zarley Investments, LP and has investment control over the securities. The reporting

(4) person disclaims beneficial ownership within the meaning of Rule 16a-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, of such portion of those shares in which the reporting person has no actual pecuniary interest.

The reporting person is the Trustee of the James R. Zarley Living Trust and has investment control over the securities. The reporting

(5) person disclaims beneficial ownership within the meaning of Rule 16a-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, of such portion of those shares in which the reporting person has no actual pecuniary interest.

(6) Each restricted stock unit represents a conditional right to receive one share of the Company's Common Stock.

(7) The restricted stock units vested on January 8, 2017. Delivery of the shares to the reporting person occurred on January 9, 2017.

(8) 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 report person's continued service with the Company.

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