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### **Lighthouse employee earns state nomination**

Horizon Industries, manufacturing division of East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, nominates an employee each year for the Artie Lee Hinds Award for Works Wonders Employee of the Year. The award has been given by Texas Industries for the Blind and Handicapped (TIBH) since 2008, named for Artie Lee Hinds, a lifelong humanitarian, founder and chairman emeritus of TIBH. Larry Reed, 2017 award nominee, has been with Horizon Industries since October of 1990 and is currently employed as Production Worker III. Reed was East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind's Direct Labor Employee of the Year in 2001 and a founding member of the area's Beep Baseball Team, Tyler Tigers. Reed's work ethic and commitment to the mission earned him this's years nomination. "Larry has shown a consistent commitment to his position and our mission of empowering blind Americans, not only in the workplace but in the East Texas community as well." stated Horizon Industries Vice President of Operations, Lee Tillson. Reed will be recognized during the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Artie Lee Hinds Award Dinner on Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Austin, TX.

Located in Tyler, Texas, Horizon Industries is a paper converting operation that converts paper to finished goods such as napkins and wipers for many federal customers including our military both local and around the world. Horizon plays an integral role in the mission of the East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind to empower blind Americans through rehabilitation, education, training, and employment by employing many local East Texans who are legally blind and/or totally blind. Horizon offers employees the opportunity for competitive employment plus upward mobility within the company.