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Gentex Honors Arlyn Lanting

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ZEELAND, MI--(Marketwired - May 15, 2014) - Gentex Corporation (NASDAQ: <u>GNTX</u>), the Zeeland, Michigan-based manufacturer of automotive automatic-dimming rearview mirrors, automotive electronics, dimmable aircraft windows, and fire protection products, today honored Arlyn Lanting at the Company's Annual Meeting Of Shareholders on his retirement from the Gentex Board Of Directors, a position he has held since 1981.

"In keeping with Mr. Lanting's desire to devote even more time to supporting various ministries in which he has a deep involvement, Mr. Lanting will not stand for re-election to the Board," said Gentex Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer Fred Bauer. "Arlyn has been a Gentex Board Member since 1981. His long time of service has demonstrated his ability to apply his breadth of business experience ranging from start-ups to publicly held companies to our particular circumstances, opportunities, and challenges. His experience in the public offering process with publicly held companies has provided important insight into the issues that are part of being a publicly held company. We are honored to have had Arlyn as a part of the Gentex family from the early days, and we are most honored to call him friend," concluded Bauer.

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About The Company

Founded in 1974, Gentex Corporation (NASDAQ: <u>GNTX</u>) is a supplier of automatic-dimming rearview mirrors and electronics to the automotive industry, dimmable aircraft windows for aviation markets, and fire protection products to the fire protection market. Visit the Company's web site at <u>www.gentex.com</u>.

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