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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DICHIARO STEVEN JOHN (Last) (First) (Middle) GLOBE LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE CO., 3700 SOUTH STONEBRIDGE DRIVE			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TORCHMARK CORP [TMK]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year) 02/24/2017	Director 10% Owner Officer (give titleX Other (special below) Exec. Officer of Principal Sub			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
MCKINNE	Y, TX 75070)	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities A	cquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owne			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	ble I - Non	-Derivativ	e Secu	ırities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	f, or Benefici	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/24/2017		Code V M	Amount 15,000	(D)	Price \$ 50.6934	23,360	D	
Common Stock	02/24/2017		S	15,000	D	\$ 77.3419 (1) (2)	8,360	D	
Common Stock							2,103 (3)	I	Thrift/401(k) Plan Trust

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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 50.6934 (4)	02/24/2017		M	15,000 (4)	02/24/2017	02/24/2021	Common Stock	15,000 (4)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

02/27/2017

Exec. Officer of Principal Sub

DICHIARO STEVEN JOHN GLOBE LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE CO. 3700 SOUTH STONEBRIDGE DRIVE MCKINNEY, TX 75070

Signatures

Steven J. DiChiaro, By:/s/Carol A. McCoy, Attorney-in-fact

Signature of Reporting Person Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) sales at prices ranging from \$76.90 per share to \$77.63 per share.
- (2) Reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or any security holder of the issuer.
- (3) Shares in unitized fund in Torchmark 401(k) employee benefit plan estimated conversion of \$ balance to shares using \$77.55 per share.
- Previously reported as option for 22,000 shares at an exercise price of \$76.04 per share, but has been adjusted to reflect 3-for-2 stock split paid in the form of 50% stock dividend occurring on July 1, 2014.

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