

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 797

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize El Taller Gallery on the occasion of its 25th anniversary celebration on May 5, 2005; and

WHEREAS, El Taller Gallery, owned by Olga O. Piña, was founded in Austin in 1980 by Amado Maurilio Peña, Jr., who had decided after an illustrious career as an educator to be a full-time artist; he initially opened a frame shop to augment his art sales, but his art and his promotion and support of other artists brought instant fame to the gallery, and he branched out with galleries in Santa Fe and Taos, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, Amado sold El Taller to Olga Piña, also a teacher with a successful career, who had long had a passion for Amado Peña's artwork; she had been collecting his art for many years, and through the gallery, she now continues a tradition of promoting and supporting artists from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, In celebration of its 25th anniversary, El Taller Gallery is hosting a month-long exhibition entitled Cinco Artistas de Mayo, which will showcase the work of five fine art graduates from across the state; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Chicano Art Collection by Amado Peña, who will attend the anniversary celebration, will be on special exhibit at the gallery; the 12-piece collection, now owned by Olga, has been in storage for 30 years and has never before been on display; and

WHEREAS, El Taller Gallery is renowned for its excellent collection of Latino and Southwestern art, and Texans are honored to have a gallery of this caliber in our capital city; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to El Taller Gallery and its founder, Amado M. Peña, Jr., on its 25th anniversary and extend best wishes to owner Olga O. Piña for a memorable anniversary celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the gallery as an expression of the high regard of the Texas Senate.

Barrientos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 5, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate