

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 867**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize The County Line on the occasion of its 30th anniversary of serving legendary barbecue to the people of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Founded in 1975 by Bruce Walcutt, Ed Norton, Don "Skeeter" Miller, and Randy Goss, The County Line showcases the highest quality of smoked barbecue prepared with a wonderful, rich sauce and served in generous portions in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere; and

**WHEREAS**, The original County Line in Austin was established in an old speakeasy high on a hill above Bee Cave Road with a scenic view of the Hill Country; the second Austin restaurant, County Line on the Lake, is located on FM 2222 in another historic building; and

**WHEREAS**, One of the keys to The County Line's success is the devotion of its longtime staff; over 20 of the employees have been with the company for over 20 years, including Dee Dee Halsey, general manager of County Line on the Hill, known as the Barbecue Queen to the customers and as Mom to the employees; and

**WHEREAS**, The many celebrities who have visited The County Line include Darrell Royal, Lance Armstrong, Sandra Bullock, Ray Benson, and Jessica Simpson; President George W. Bush had County Line barbecue brisket delivered to a dinner in Washington, D.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, County Line, Incorporated, operates six full-service, family-style restaurants under the name The County Line, in Austin, San Antonio, Houston, and Albuquerque; a seventh in El Paso is called The State Line, and the company has two franchises in Lubbock and Oklahoma City; and

**WHEREAS**, Known for their generosity, The County Line owners have been actively involved through the years with numerous charitable causes, including Big Brothers Big Sisters, Project Safe Place, Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation, and many more; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend The County Line owners and staff for providing fabulous food and superior service to the citizens of Texas for 30 years and extend to them congratulations on their success and best wishes for the future; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 11, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate