

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 579

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Lionel's Western Wear on the store's 50th anniversary; and

**WHEREAS**, The family-run western-wear department store was founded in Weslaco 50 years ago by the late Lionel Oliveira; Lionel worked his way up through the ranks of his brother-in-law's E. de la Rosa Department Stores; he moved to Weslaco in 1959 and founded his own business; and

**WHEREAS**, The successful retail store eventually specialized in western wear; in 1984, Lionel retired and left his business in the hands of his daughter, Sandy Peña, and his son Lionel Oliveira, Jr.; and

**WHEREAS**, The store has changed with the times, expanding to include a women's department and other styles; from January to March, the store showcases its wares in more than 20 style shows; and

**WHEREAS**, Lionel's Western Wear is a fine example of a family-run business and is thriving today in the Rio Grande Valley, where rodeo clothing still sells and area citizens are appreciative of the store's tradition and history; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby congratulate Lionel's Western Wear on its 50th anniversary and extend best wishes for the future to all who have contributed to the store's success; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of Lionel's Western Wear.

Hinojosa, Lucio

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 6, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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