SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 736

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. Raul Gaona, Sr., of San Antonio, who is being inducted into the Frontier Times Museum Hall of Honor in Bandera on July 25, 2009; and

WHEREAS, The Frontier Times Museum was established in 1933 by J. Marvin Hunter to showcase the exploits of the pioneers whose courage and strength of character played a major role in the opening of the West and the creation of the icon known as the true Texan; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gaona is one of the foremost promoters of traditional Mexican culture in our state; he has initiated a valuable cultural exchange between our state and the nation of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Active in community affairs, Dr. Gaona is one of the principal founders of the San Antonio Charro Association, the oldest Charro association in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Raul Gaona embodies the principles and courage exhibited by the early pioneers memorialized in the Frontier Times Museum, and it is truly fitting that he receive this singular honor on July 25, 2009, the National Day of the American Cowboy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Dr. Raul Gaona, Sr., for his many contributions to the rich legacy of our state and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him 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 April 27, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate