

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 744

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Cleo Hearn of Lancaster, 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**, A member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association since 1959, Mr. Hearn helped pioneer the inclusion of African Americans in professional rodeo; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Hearn created the American Black Rodeo Association in 1971, later changing the name to the Cowboys of Color Association to better reflect the contributions that all cultures have made to the settling of the West; committed to the betterment of the rodeo, he has earned awards around the world for his community work; and

**WHEREAS**, Cleo Hearn 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 Cleo Hearn 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.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate