

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 457**

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Roy Owens on his success as a barbecue champion and his service to the community; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Owens is a member of the barbecue cook-off team Across the Tracks, which won the overall grand champion and champion ribs titles at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo World Championship Bar-B-Que Contest on February 23, 2013; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Owens is a third-generation general contractor and the principal of Roca Construction, a firm that has specialized in federal, state, and local projects such as educational institutions, senior citizen housing, airports, and convention centers; and

**WHEREAS,** With a strong commitment to serving his community, this dedicated disabled veteran has served on numerous boards and advisory panels; his current philanthropic focus is the nonprofit organization Merit Takes a Village, which provides education and job training for those affected by underemployment, many of whom are returning veterans; this exemplary group works to empower those individuals so that they can find their place in the workforce and begin to play a larger role in the lives of their communities; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Owens is active in numerous other professional and civic organizations; he is a charter member of the Minority Contractors Association of Texas and has served multiple terms as its president; and

**WHEREAS,** He has worked with determination and generosity to make life better for the people of Houston, and he is truly deserving of recognition; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Roy Owens on his many achievements and contributions to his community and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his 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 March 13, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate