

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 906

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dustin Lauw for carrying on a proud legacy of quality service and craftsmanship as the owner of Duck's Heritage Cowboy Boots; and

WHEREAS, As a fourth-generation leather worker, Dustin Lauw has carried on the tradition forged by his great-grandfather and grandfather who made bullwhips and dog leashes; as a young man, he left behind aspirations of becoming a saddle maker when he became interested in buying a pair of custom boots; his search led him to Duck Menzies, the founder of Duck's Heritage Cowboy Boots in Belton, and the discovery of the boot-making process inspired him to take a new direction in leather crafting; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Menzies agreed to mentor Dustin, and for more than a decade, the accomplished artisan guided the apprentice in the complex intricacies of custom boot making; the two men shared a passion for superior craftsmanship, and over the years, they developed a strong friendship; before his death in 2014, Mr. Menzies left the business to his longtime friend; and

WHEREAS, As the new owner of Duck's Heritage Cowboy Boots, Dustin relocated the business to Salado, and he honored his late mentor by replicating the layout of the original shop at the new location; the skilled craftsman builds a pair of one-of-a-kind boots designed to customer specifications, and each pair of boots requires 40 to 70 hours of work, depending on the intricacy of the design; and

WHEREAS, Due to Dustin's talent and discipline, Duck's Heritage Cowboy Boots has remained a trusted source for some of the highest quality boots the Lone Star State has to offer, and Dustin can indeed take pride in his success; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby honor Dustin Lauw as a steward of the quintessential Texas tradition of excellent boot making and extend to him best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

Buckingham

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on May 26, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate