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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The prosperity of the Lone Star State has been
2 greatly influenced by family farming and ranching, and Biggs Ranch
3 in Carson County is being recognized for its role in this proud
4 tradition with its induction into the Family Land Heritage Program
5 on October 18, 2023, at a ceremony at the State Capitol; and

6 WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture,
7 the program honors farms and ranches that have been in continuous
8 agricultural operation by the same family for a century or more;
9 since 1974, TDA has recognized over 5,000 families whose proud
10 Texas legacy has passed from generation to generation and who have
11 served as dedicated stewards of their land; and

12 WHEREAS, Biggs Ranch traces its origins to 1907, when George
13 Davis Biggs, his wife, Ella Guttrey Biggs, and their son, Vaughn
14 Davis Biggs, moved to the Texas Panhandle from New London,
15 Missouri; the family settled in the town of Panhandle, and from 1907
16 to 1913, Mr. and Mrs. Biggs raised cattle and wheat on the 640 acres
17 they had purchased in Carson County; Vaughn Biggs acquired the
18 property in 1913, and the land was passed on to his wife, Nola
19 Ellis, following his death in 1952; she operated the ranch for
20 several years before gifting equal portions to her five children,
21 Harold, Raymond, Virginia, Myra, and Jimmy; and

22 WHEREAS, The eldest son, Harold Davis, bought a half section
23 from a sibling and raised livestock on the acreage; when he died in
24 2002, the land was inherited by his wife, Vivian O'Neal; she passed

1 away in 2003, at which point the property was inherited by the
2 couple's son, Jerry Davis Biggs; he purchased two of the remaining
3 half sections from family members, and today, he and his wife, Judy,
4 oversee a cow-calf operation on the ranch with the help of their two
5 sons, Ryan Davis and Richard; and

6 WHEREAS, For well over a century, Biggs Ranch has played an
7 important role in Carson County while helping to preserve the rich
8 agricultural history of Texas, and it is indeed fitting that the
9 members of the Biggs family be recognized for their outstanding
10 stewardship; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
12 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commemorate the induction
13 of Biggs Ranch into the Texas Department of Agriculture Family Land
14 Heritage Program and extend to all those associated with the ranch
15 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for the ranch as an expression of high regard by the Texas
18 House of Representatives.