

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23

WHEREAS, The prosperity of the Lone Star State has been greatly influenced by family farming and ranching, and the Sanzenbacher Ranch in Clay County has been recognized for its role in this proud tradition with its acceptance into the state's Family Land Heritage Program in 2023, during its 150th anniversary year; and

WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture, this program honors farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural operation by the same family for a century or more; established in 1873, the Sanzenbacher Ranch is currently owned and operated by J. H. "Sonny" Baldwin, Forrest Baldwin, Ryan Baldwin, Harrison Baldwin, and Jacquelyn Sewell; and

WHEREAS, Johann "Uncle John" Sanzenbacher emigrated to the United States from Germany in 1847, and in 1873, he founded Sanzenbacher Ranch alongside his nephew, Christian, and Christian's wife, Lucy; Uncle John passed away in 1879, and Lucy's brother, Henry Carle, joined the endeavor in 1886; he and the couple's youngest son, Henry Chris, assumed operations when Christian fell ill, and following the deaths of Christian and Lucy, the ranch was divided among their heirs in 1926; Henry Chris kept the original parcel of land and the house, which is still in use today; and

WHEREAS, Henry Carle and his wife, Elsie Borgman, maintained the landholdings and herd with their son, Carle Roselle, and his wife, Anna Lee, until 1978, when ownership and management fell to Elsie and to Anna Lee's nephew, Sonny Baldwin; after Elsie's passing in 1995, Sonny inherited the ranch, and he

went on to introduce new breedlines that improved the quality and size of calves; his son Forrest Baldwin currently manages the ranch's daily operations and oversees its production of cattle, horses, and hay; and

WHEREAS, In preserving their property as a working ranch, Sonny Baldwin, Forrest Baldwin, Ryan Baldwin, Harrison Baldwin, and Jacquelyn Sewell are making their own contribution to their family's legacy, and it is indeed fitting that they be honored for their outstanding stewardship; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate J. H. "Sonny" Baldwin, Forrest Baldwin, Ryan Baldwin, Harrison Baldwin, and Jacquelyn Sewell on the induction of the Sanzenbacher Ranch into the Texas Department of Agriculture Family Land Heritage Program and extend to them sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the family as an expression of high regard 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 October 16, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate