

By: Springer

S.R. No. 23

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 the
3 Sanzenbacher Ranch in Clay County has been recognized for its role
4 in this proud tradition with its acceptance into the state's Family
5 Land Heritage Program in 2023, during its 150th anniversary year;
6 and

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

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

23 WHEREAS, Henry Carle and his wife, Elsie Borgman, maintained
24 the landholdings and herd with their son, Carle Roselle, and his

1 wife, Anna Lee, until 1978, when ownership and management fell to
2 Elsie and to Anna Lee's nephew, Sonny Baldwin; after Elsie's passing
3 in 1995, Sonny inherited the ranch, and he went on to introduce new
4 breedlines that improved the quality and size of calves; his son
5 Forrest Baldwin currently manages the ranch's daily operations and
6 oversees its production of cattle, horses, and hay; and

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

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

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for the family as an expression of high regard by the Texas
20 Senate.