

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family farms and ranches have long been essential to
2 the economy and culture of the Lone Star State, and the White Ranch
3 in Chambers County is indeed deserving of recognition for its
4 important role in the history of Southeast Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, The White Ranch traces its origins back to 1828,
6 when James Taylor White settled in present-day Chambers County and
7 established a cattle ranch; the operation began with a stock of a
8 dozen cattle, and over the years, the herd grew to some 10,000 head;
9 a pioneer in the cattle-raising industry, Mr. White developed what
10 would stand for many years as the industry's prime business model,
11 trailing cattle from the ranch where they were raised to market; he
12 drove his cattle along the Opelousas Trail to Louisiana, where they
13 could be sold for a higher price than they would earn in Texas; and

14 WHEREAS, The ranch has been operated by the White family for
15 many generations, and its original "Crossed W" brand is the oldest
16 Texas cattle brand in continuous use; during the 1860s, James
17 Taylor White II and his brother-in-law, James Jackson, built one of
18 the first cattle fences at the ranch; today, James Taylor White's
19 great-great-great-grandson Bill White and his wife, Katherine, are
20 holding the reins, and they have continued the tradition of
21 swimming their cattle across the Intracoastal Canal each fall to
22 winter pasture on Bolivar Peninsula and then back in the spring; and

23 WHEREAS, For nearly two centuries, the White Ranch has
24 contributed to the rich heritage of Southeast Texas, and the White

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1 family may take great pride in all they have done to make the ranch
2 one of the treasures of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
4 Legislature hereby recognize the White Ranch for 195 years of
5 continuous operation as well as for having the oldest Texas cattle
6 brand in continuous use and extend to the members of the White
7 family sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the family as an expression of high regard by the Texas
10 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 602 was adopted by the House on March 27, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House