

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 509

WHEREAS, Cindy Gonzales retired from King Ranch and from the Kenedy County Commissioners' Court on December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in South Texas, Cindy Gonzales began her career with King Ranch in 1976, when she was hired as a grocery clerk for the Norias Commissary; she was promoted to data entry clerk of the Norias Division in 1980, assuming oversight of cattle inventory, feed, purchase orders, invoices, rain reports, and payroll and making a skillful transition from handwritten ledgers to electronic records; over the course of her 46 years with the ranch, she also assisted the ranch manager; and

WHEREAS, In November 2006, Mrs. Gonzales was first elected as the Kenedy County commissioner for Precinct 4; tirelessly working in support of infrastructure projects during her four terms in office, she played a key role in the rebuilding of Sam Noble Park, the restoration of the Kenedy County Courthouse, the repaving of streets in Sarita, the construction of a new sheriff's office and a 4-H agriculture building, and the creation of a nature walking trail; additionally, she helped implement policies for animal control and the condemnation of unsafe structures; and

WHEREAS, Widely respected, Mrs. Gonzales is a former board member of the Kenedy County Central Appraisal District and the Coastal Plains Community Center, which provides behavioral health services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and to those struggling with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gonzales enjoys the love and support of her husband, Johnny, and of their four children, Edward, Misty, Amanda, and Ryann, who all grew up on King Ranch; in retirement, she plans to remain civically engaged and to seek service opportunities; and

WHEREAS, A committed champion of her community, Cindy Gonzales has made a lasting and positive impact at King Ranch and in the lives of her fellow citizens, and she may indeed reflect with pride on her many contributions as she embarks on the next exciting chapter of her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby congratulate Cindy Gonzales on her retirement from King Ranch and from the Kenedy County Commissioners' Court and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mrs. Gonzales as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

LaMantia

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 2, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate