

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Citizens of Kleberg County, on the Texas coastal  
2 plain, can look with pride on their area's long and colorful  
3 history; and

4           WHEREAS, At the time Spaniards first arrived in the region,  
5 it was inhabited by Coahuiltecan and Karankawa Indians; the first  
6 Europeans to sail along the county's coast were Alonso Alvarez de  
7 Pineda and the members of his expedition, who mapped the coastline  
8 from Florida to Mexico in 1519; in 1689, the Spanish explorer  
9 General Alonzo de Leon came upon what is now Baffin Bay in  
10 present-day Kleberg County while searching for the French explorer,  
11 La Salle; and

12           WHEREAS, Spanish land grants in Kleberg County were assigned  
13 to ranchers as early as the 1750s; the county now boasts the famous  
14 King Ranch, which was established by Captain Richard King in 1853;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, Kleberg County was created by an act of the 33rd  
17 Texas Legislature on February 27, 1913, out of a portion of Nueces  
18 County; it was named for Robert Kleberg, whose son, Robert J.  
19 Kleberg, was one of the five commissioners charged with organizing  
20 the county; and

21           WHEREAS, Contributing to the economy of the area are Texas  
22 A&M University--Kingsville and the Naval Air Station Kingsville,  
23 the training base for some of the navy's best jet fighter pilots;  
24 and

1           WHEREAS, Kleberg County citizens are fortunate to have many  
2   able elected officials and public employees, who through the years  
3   have rendered exceptional service with little fanfare; and

4           WHEREAS, The hardworking citizens of Kleberg County are proud  
5   of their heritage and are looking forward to meeting the challenges  
6   of the 21st century; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
8   Legislature hereby honor Kleberg County and its elected officials,  
9   public employees, and citizens for their outstanding contributions  
10   to Texas and the United States of America.

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H.R. No. 1917

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1917 was adopted by the House on June 2, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House