

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Caesar Kleberg contributed immeasurably to the Lone  
2 Star State through his unwavering dedication to its wildlife; and

3           WHEREAS, Born in Cuero in 1873, Mr. Kleberg spent more than  
4 four decades living and working on the King Ranch in South Texas;  
5 passionate about wildlife and their habitats, he wrote rules about  
6 game and hunting and, around 1940, urged his uncle and the ranch's  
7 president and CEO Bob Kleberg, Jr., to hire the first wildlife  
8 biologist to be employed by a working cattle ranch in Texas; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Kleberg's influence was also felt at the Texas  
10 Parks and Wildlife Department, where he served for 20 years and  
11 helped to save the state's diminishing population of wild turkeys;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, Since the death of this visionary man in 1946, the  
14 Caesar Kleberg Foundation for Wildlife Conservation has funded more  
15 than \$40 million in wildlife research projects at Texas  
16 institutions of higher learning; the foundation has also created  
17 endowed chairs, directors, and professorships at Texas A&M  
18 University campuses in College Station and Kingsville, as well as  
19 at Texas Tech University, and provided financial support for more  
20 than 250 wildlife science graduate students; in 1981, a grant from  
21 the foundation established the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research  
22 Institute, which has become one of the leading wildlife research  
23 programs in the country; and

24           WHEREAS, The late Caesar Kleberg was recognized in 2006 with

1 a Texas Legends Award from the National Fish and Wildlife  
2 Foundation for his commitment to the conservation and management of  
3 the state's natural resources; and

4 WHEREAS, Throughout his lifetime, Caesar Kleberg worked  
5 tirelessly in behalf of our wildlife resources, and his  
6 accomplishments continue to benefit generations of Texans; now,  
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
9 hereby honor the legacy of Caesar Kleberg and pay tribute to the  
10 lasting impact of his efforts.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 118 was adopted by the House on March 26, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 118 was adopted by the Senate on May 15, 2009, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor