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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.