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H.C.R. No. 51

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The King Ranch is celebrating the 100th anniversary
2 of its Main House, the ancestral home of the King Ranch family, in
3 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1854, Henrietta Chamberlain King came to the King
5 Ranch as the young bride of Captain Richard King, and she
6 established their home in a simple adobe structure on the banks of
7 Santa Gertrudis Creek; that dwelling was later replaced by a frame
8 cottage, and then by a two-story, Southern-style plantation home,
9 which burned to the ground in 1912; three years later, Mrs. King,
10 who had been widowed in 1885, her daughter Alice, and Alice's
11 husband, Robert Justus Kleberg Sr., finished building the splendid
12 Main House of the present day; and

13 WHEREAS, The new home, which also serves as the ranch
14 headquarters, was designed by Adams & Adams of San Antonio and the
15 interior was designed by the famed Tiffany Studios of New York;
16 while the 37,000-square-foot, 27-room structure is grand,
17 dominating the surrounding landscape, the building has also been
18 constructed to meet the needs of hardworking ranchers; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1961, the United States Department of the
20 Interior listed the King Ranch Main House and the King Ranch in the
21 National Register of Historic Places; the cultural significance of
22 the Main House was further acknowledged in 1980, when it received an
23 Official Texas Historical Marker from the Texas Historical
24 Commission; and

1 WHEREAS, Seven generations of the King Ranch family have
2 resided in the Main House, and it has welcomed a host of
3 distinguished guests, among them prominent citizens and heads of
4 state; today, it remains a gathering place for the family, as well
5 as a monument to the memories of Captain Richard King and Henrietta
6 King; and

7 WHEREAS, An iconic structure, the King Ranch Main House is an
8 enduring reminder of the rich ranching heritage of the Lone Star
9 State, and it is indeed fitting to acknowledge its role in Texas
10 history at this time; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
12 hereby commemorate the centennial of the King Ranch Main House and
13 extend sincere best wishes for the future to the King Ranch family
14 and to all the employees of King Ranch, Inc.; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for the King Ranch as an expression of high regard by the
17 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.