

By: Lozano

H.C.R. No. 100

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, In 2015, King Ranch, Inc., celebrates the 100th  
2 anniversary of its Main House, the ancestral home of the King Ranch  
3 family; and

4           WHEREAS, In 1854, Henrietta Chamberlain King came to 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; and

8           WHEREAS, That original dwelling was later replaced by a frame  
9 cottage, and then by a two-story, Southern-style plantation home,  
10 which burned to the ground in 1912; three years later, in 1915,  
11 Mrs. King, who had been widowed in 1885, her daughter Alice, and  
12 Alice's husband, Robert Justus Kleberg Sr., finished building the  
13 Spanish-style Main House of the present day; and

14           WHEREAS, The new home, which has also served as the ranch  
15 headquarters, was designed by Adams & Adams of San Antonio with the  
16 interior being designed by Tiffany Studios of New York; while the  
17 37,000-square-foot, 27-room structure is grand, dominating the  
18 surrounding landscape, the building was thoughtfully designed to  
19 accommodate the family, cowboys, and travelers alike; and

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

1 Commission; and

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

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

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

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