By: Lucio S.C.R. No. 15

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In 2015, King Ranch, Incorporated, celebrates the

3 100th anniversary of its Main House, the ancestral home of the King

4 Ranch family; and

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5 WHEREAS, In 1854, Henrietta Chamberlain King came to King

6 Ranch as the young bride of Captain Richard King, and she

established their home in a simple adobe structure on the banks of

8 Santa Gertrudis Creek; and

9 WHEREAS, That original dwelling was later replaced by a frame

10 cottage, and then by a two-story, Southern-style plantation home,

11 which burned to the ground in 1912; three years later, in 1915,

12 Mrs. King, who had been widowed in 1885, her daughter Alice, and

13 Alice's husband, Robert Justus Kleberg Sr., finished building the

14 Spanish-style Main House of the present day; and

WHEREAS, The new home, which has also served as the ranch

headquarters, was designed by Adams & Adams of San Antonio with the

17 interior being designed by Tiffany Studios of New York; while the

18 37,000-square-foot, 27-room structure is grand, dominating the

19 surrounding landscape, the building was thoughtfully designed to

20 accommodate the family, cowboys, and travelers alike; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1961, the United States Department of the

22 Interior listed King Ranch and the King Ranch Main House in the

23 National Register of Historic Places; the cultural significance of

24 the Main House was further acknowledged in 1980, when it received an

- 1 Official Texas Historical Marker from the Texas Historical
- 2 Commission; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Seven generations of the King Ranch family have
- 4 called the Main House home, and it has welcomed a host of
- 5 distinguished guests, among them prominent citizens and heads of
- 6 state; today, it remains a gathering place for the family, as well
- 7 as a monument to the memories of Captain Richard King and Henrietta
- 8 King; and
- 9 WHEREAS, An iconic structure, the King Ranch Main House is an
- 10 enduring reminder of the rich ranching heritage of the Lone Star
- 11 State, and it is indeed fitting to acknowledge its role in Texas
- 12 history at this time; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
- 14 hereby commemorate the centennial of the King Ranch Main House and
- 15 extend sincere best wishes for the future to the King Ranch family
- 16 and to all the employees of King Ranch, Inc.; and, be it further
- 17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 18 prepared for King Ranch, Incorporated, as an expression of high
- 19 regard by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

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1 Commemorating the centennial of the King Ranch Main House.