

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

5 WHEREAS, In 1854, Henrietta Chamberlain King came to King
6 Ranch as the young bride of Captain Richard King, and she
7 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

15 WHEREAS, The new home, which has also served as the ranch
16 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

13 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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 15 was adopted by the Senate on February 23, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 15 was adopted by the House on March 2, 2015.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor