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S.C.R. No. 15

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.