

By: Lozano

H.R. No. 133

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Kleberg County are gathering in
2 Austin on January 31, 2017, to celebrate Kleberg County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated both on the broad grasslands of the Gulf
5 Coast and on Padre Island, the area that was to become Kleberg
6 County was first inhabited by the Karankawa and Coahuiltecan
7 peoples; Spanish settlements were established along the lower Rio
8 Grande in the 18th century, and after a period of Mexican rule, the
9 land became part of Nueces County when Texas secured its
10 independence; in 1853, Richard King established the vast King
11 Ranch, a large tract of which was used to form the city of
12 Kingsville in 1904; the new community grew quickly as a railway hub
13 for farmers and ranchers, and in 1913, the Texas Legislature
14 organized Kleberg County, naming it for Robert Justus Kleberg,
15 whose son was the manager of King Ranch, and designating Kingsville
16 as the county seat; and

17 WHEREAS, Today, Kleberg County is a place of diversified
18 industries; successful businesses include Proco, Inc., and Texas
19 Cementing Services, and largely because of the presence of numerous
20 energy companies, the area's economy has continued to grow,
21 resulting in new jobs and an improved quality of life for residents;
22 occupying 825,000 acres, the legendary King Ranch is still vital to
23 the prosperity of the county, and the enterprise has earned fame for
24 the region through its development of the Santa Gertrudis breed of

1 cattle, its contributions to quarter horse and thoroughbred
2 breeding, and its accomplishments in a variety of other
3 agribusiness interests; and

4 WHEREAS, The largest city in Kleberg County, Kingsville is
5 home to Texas A&M University--Kingsville, which includes the Frank
6 H. Dotterweich College of Engineering, the Dick and Mary Lewis
7 Kleberg College of Agriculture, the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife
8 Research Institute, and the Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy;
9 moreover, Naval Air Station Kingsville is the leading undergraduate
10 pilot training facility in the United States, preparing U.S. Navy
11 and Marine Corps pilots for their key role in the nation's defense;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The hardworking and forward-looking citizens of
14 Kleberg County are building on a long tradition of excellence, and
15 their history and achievements are indeed deserving of special
16 recognition; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
18 Legislature hereby recognize January 31, 2017, as Kleberg County
19 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation
20 sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.