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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Helen Kleberg Groves has greatly distinguished
2 herself in ranching and the equestrian world, as well as in civic
3 life; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Robert J. Kleberg Jr. and Helen
5 C. Kleberg, the former Helen Kleberg grew up on the King Ranch in
6 Kingsville and attended Vassar College; she married Dr. J. Deaver
7 Alexander in 1949, and they became the parents of six children;
8 following their divorce, she wed Lloyd Groves in 1966, and she was
9 widowed in 1971; today, she is the matriarch of a fine family that
10 has grown to include 10 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren, and 2
11 step-great-grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Groves served as director of the King Ranch
13 from 1956 to 1988, and she currently owns several ranches, where she
14 raises cattle and quarter horses and breeds and races thoroughbred
15 horses; over the years, she served as director of the National
16 Cutting Horse Association and as president of the West Virginia,
17 Atlantic Coast, and East Coast Cutting Horse Associations; among
18 other key roles, she served as director of the National Cowgirl
19 Museum and Hall of Fame and as a founding board member of the
20 Virginia Horse Center Foundation; she was named emeritus director
21 of the United States Equestrian Team and lifetime vice president of
22 the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, and she is a
23 recipient of the Ranching Heritage Association National Golden Spur
24 Award; and

1 WHEREAS, A founding member of the 1909 King High Historical
2 Foundation, Mrs. Groves has further served as a director of the
3 Robert J. Kleberg Jr. and Helen C. Kleberg Foundation; in addition,
4 she was a member of the Trump Agriculture Advisory Committee from
5 2016 to 2018; and

6 WHEREAS, Helen Groves has earned the respect and admiration
7 of innumerable people in professional circles and the broader
8 community, and she is indeed deserving of special recognition; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
11 Legislature hereby honor Helen Kleberg Groves for her professional
12 accomplishments and civic contributions and extend to her sincere
13 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mrs. Groves as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.