

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12

WHEREAS, The prosperity of the Lone Star State has been greatly influenced by family farming and ranching, and Jana Beth Johnson and Mary Sue Klein of Clay County have been officially recognized as heirs to this proud tradition with the acceptance of the Gray Wynn Klein Ranch into the state's Family Land Heritage Program in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture, this program honors farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural operation by the same family for a century or more; established in 1873, the Gray Wynn Klein Ranch is currently owned and operated by Ms. Johnson and Ms. Klein, the great-great-grandchildren of the ranch's founders, Christian and Lucy Sanzenbacher; and

WHEREAS, Christian and Lucy Sanzenbacher joined Johann "Uncle John" Sanzenbacher in southern Clay County in 1873 and subsequently began raising cattle; in 1921, the land and the herd that the couple had accumulated were split among their seven living children, including their daughter Ida and her husband, Fred Wynn, who acquired the family's horned Hereford cattle; Ida and Fred Wynn named their operation Wynn Ranch, and in the decades since, five generations of the family have worked together to maintain the land; Ms. Johnson and Ms. Klein assumed ownership in 2013 following the passing of their mother, Cheryl Klein, and today, they continue to oversee the ranch's cattle and hay operation; and

WHEREAS, In preserving their property as a working ranch, Jana Beth Johnson and Mary Sue Klein are making their own

contribution to their family's legacy, and it is indeed fitting that they be honored for their outstanding stewardship; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Jana Beth Johnson and Mary Sue Klein on the induction of the Gray Wynn Klein Ranch into the Texas Department of Agriculture Family Land Heritage Program and extend to them sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Ms. Johnson and Ms. Klein as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on October 12, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate