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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

1 WHEREAS, In preserving their property as a working ranch,
2 Jana Beth Johnson and Mary Sue Klein are making their own
3 contribution to their family's legacy, and it is indeed fitting
4 that they be honored for their outstanding stewardship; now,
5 therefore, be it

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

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Ms. Johnson and Ms. Klein as an expression of high
13 regard by the Texas Senate.