

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 61

WHEREAS, The prosperity of the Lone Star State has been greatly influenced by family farming and ranching, and the Kraus family of Gillespie County have been officially recognized as heirs to this proud tradition with the acceptance of the Kraus Farm 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; the Kraus Farm is currently owned and operated by Jerome and Genevieve Kraus; and

WHEREAS, In 1855, Christian Kraus emigrated from Germany to Fredericksburg, and he married Anna Maria Hofacker shortly thereafter; he established Kraus Farm in 1873, and the family resided on the property while raising cattle, goats, sheep, and chickens and cultivating wheat and hay; his two sons, John and Michael, eventually took over the farm's operation, and in the 1930s, it was passed down to Michael's children and their families; the farm was transferred to Jerome Kraus in the 1980s, and today, it continues to produce hay and cattle; and

WHEREAS, In preserving their property as a working farm, the Krauses 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 the Kraus family on the induction of the Kraus Farm 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 the Kraus family as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Flores

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on October 31, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate