

By: Flores

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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 the Kraus  
3 family of Gillespie County have been officially recognized as heirs  
4 to this proud tradition with the acceptance of the Kraus Farm into  
5 the state's Family Land Heritage Program in 2023; and

6           WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture,  
7 this program honors farms and ranches that have been in continuous  
8 agricultural operation by the same family for a century or more; the  
9 Kraus Farm is currently owned and operated by Jerome and Genevieve  
10 Kraus; and

11           WHEREAS, In 1855, Christian Kraus emigrated from Germany to  
12 Fredericksburg, and he married Anna Maria Hofacker shortly  
13 thereafter; he established Kraus Farm in 1873, and the family  
14 resided on the property while raising cattle, goats, sheep, and  
15 chickens and cultivating wheat and hay; his two sons, John and  
16 Michael, eventually took over the farm's operation, and in the  
17 1930s, it was passed down to Michael's children and their families;  
18 the farm was transferred to Jerome Kraus in the 1980s, and today, it  
19 continues to produce hay and cattle; and

20           WHEREAS, In preserving their property as a working farm, the  
21 Krauses are making their own contribution to their family's legacy,  
22 and it is indeed fitting that they be honored for their outstanding  
23 stewardship; now, therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 3rd

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1 Called Session, hereby congratulate the Kraus family on the  
2 induction of the Kraus Farm into the Texas Department of  
3 Agriculture Family Land Heritage Program and extend to them sincere  
4 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

5       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for the Kraus family as an expression of high regard by the  
7 Texas Senate.