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S.R. No. 62

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 Helen
3 Bourquin Hawes and Dwain C. Hawes of Medina County have been
4 officially recognized as heirs to this proud tradition with the
5 acceptance of the DCH 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; and

10 WHEREAS, A native of Castroville, Albert Bourquin purchased
11 200 acres of land in 1878, and he acquired an additional 320 acres
12 two years later; he and his family made their home on the ranch,
13 where they initially raised cattle, hogs, and chickens as well as
14 corn and maize; over the years, the property was passed down to his
15 children and their descendants, and today, DCH Ranch is owned and
16 operated by Mr. Bourquin's great-granddaughter, Helen Bourquin
17 Hawes, and her husband, Dwain; located just 12 miles northeast of
18 Castroville, the ranch currently produces cattle, coastal hay, and
19 Sudan grazer; and

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

1 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 3rd
2 Called Session, hereby congratulate Helen Bourquin Hawes and Dwain
3 C. Hawes on the induction of the DCH Ranch into the Texas Department
4 of Agriculture Family Land Heritage Program and extend to them
5 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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