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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 Wallace
3 Farm in Bell County has been officially recognized for its role in
4 this proud tradition with its acceptance into the state's Family
5 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;
9 established in 1873, the Wallace Farm is currently owned and
10 operated by Laura W. Bergin and Christine W. Stockwell; and

11 WHEREAS, The farm's founder, John Armstrong Wallace, was a
12 native of Tennessee who moved with his family to Texas as a child;
13 in 1873, he and his wife, Amanda Wallace, acquired 280 acres of
14 land; there, they built their home and developed a ranch and farm,
15 where they raised livestock and grew cotton, corn, oats, and wheat;
16 they became the parents of 11 children, several of whom remained on
17 the land; after the elder Mr. Wallace's passing in 1948, ownership
18 of the farm was transferred to his youngest son, Wofford Garrison
19 Wallace, who resided there and continued to raise livestock and
20 cultivate crops on the property alongside his sisters, Amanda and
21 Anna Belle; and

22 WHEREAS, Wofford Wallace passed away in 1972, and his older
23 brother, Henry Clay Wallace, assumed ownership of the farm, which
24 was subsequently divided between his sons, Henry and Joseph; since

1 the death of Henry Wallace Jr. in 2014, his daughters Laura and
2 Christine have tended to the remaining 140 acres, where they
3 currently grow corn; and

4 WHEREAS, In preserving their property as a working farm,
5 Laura Bergin and Christine Stockwell are making their own
6 contribution to their family's legacy, and it is indeed fitting
7 that they be honored for their outstanding stewardship; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 3rd
10 Called Session, hereby congratulate Laura W. Bergin and Christine
11 W. Stockwell on the induction of the Wallace Farm into the Texas
12 Department of Agriculture Family Land Heritage Program and extend
13 to them sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Ms. Bergin and Ms. Stockwell as an expression of high
16 regard by the Texas Senate.