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2 WHEREAS, In 2015, King Ranch, Incorporated, celebrates the 3 100th anniversary of its Main House, the ancestral home of the King 4 Ranch family; and WHEREAS, In 1854, Henrietta Chamberlain King came to King 5 Ranch as the young bride of Captain Richard King, 6 and she 7 established their home in a simple adobe structure on the banks of 8 Santa Gertrudis Creek; and WHEREAS, That original dwelling was later replaced by a frame 9 10 cottage, and then by a two-story, Southern-style plantation home, 11 which burned to the ground in 1912; three years later, in 1915,

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Spanish-style Main House of the present day; and

WHEREAS, The new home, which has also served as the ranch
headquarters, was designed by Adams & Adams of San Antonio with the
interior being designed by Tiffany Studios of New York; while the
37,000-square-foot, 27-room structure is grand, dominating the
surrounding landscape, the building was thoughtfully designed to
accommodate the family, cowboys, and travelers alike; and

Mrs. King, who had been widowed in 1885, her daughter Alice, and

Alice's husband, Robert Justus Kleberg Sr., finished building the

21 WHEREAS, In 1961, the United States Department of the 22 Interior listed King Ranch and the King Ranch Main House in the 23 National Register of Historic Places; the cultural significance of 24 the Main House was further acknowledged in 1980, when it received an

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- 1 Official Texas Historical Marker from the Texas Historical
- 2 Commission; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Seven generations of the King Ranch family have
- 4 called the Main House home, and it has welcomed a host of
- 5 distinguished guests, among them prominent citizens and heads of
- 6 state; today, it remains a gathering place for the family, as well
- 7 as a monument to the memories of Captain Richard King and Henrietta
- 8 King; and
- 9 WHEREAS, An iconic structure, the King Ranch Main House is an
- 10 enduring reminder of the rich ranching heritage of the Lone Star
- 11 State, and it is indeed fitting to acknowledge its role in Texas
- 12 history at this time; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
- 14 hereby commemorate the centennial of the King Ranch Main House and
- 15 extend sincere best wishes for the future to the King Ranch family
- 16 and to all the employees of King Ranch, Inc.; and, be it further
- 17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 18 prepared for King Ranch, Incorporated, as an expression of high
- 19 regard by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

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President of the Senate

A hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 15 was adopted by the Senate on February 23, 2015.

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 15 was adopted by the House on March 2, 2015.

Chief Clerk of the House

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