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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On March 11, 2003, many fine residents from Wise
2 County are gathering in Austin to celebrate Wise County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1856 from Cooke County, the county is
5 named for Henry A. Wise, a United States congressman from Virginia
6 who supported the annexation of Texas; and

7 WHEREAS, In its early years, the county relied on its cattle
8 and sheep production to spur growth; throughout the years, Wise
9 County has undergone many changes and now benefits from a diverse
10 economy that is centered around agribusiness, petroleum, and
11 recreation; on the northwest edge of the Dallas-Fort Worth
12 Metroplex, Wise is one of the 75 fastest-growing counties in the
13 nation; and

14 WHEREAS, Decatur serves as the county seat and is the home to
15 such notable attractions as the Waggoner Mansion, the Woody Cabin,
16 the Wise County Heritage Museum, and the historic pink granite Wise
17 County Courthouse built in 1895; other towns in the county include
18 Bridgeport, Alvord, Aurora, Boyd, Briar, Chico, Fairview,
19 Greenwood, Lake Bridgeport, Newark, Paradise, Rhome, Runaway Bay,
20 and Slidell; and

21 WHEREAS, Area residents uphold the county's heritage with
22 traditional annual events such as Butterfield Stage Days and
23 Chisholm Trail Days, and Lake Bridgeport, Eagle Mountain Lake, and
24 the Lyndon Baines Johnson National Grasslands provide a wide range

1 of outdoor opportunities; and

2 WHEREAS, The citizens of Wise County can be justifiably proud
3 of their history and progressive development, and it is indeed
4 appropriate to take this opportunity to recognize the outstanding
5 role the county is playing in the annals of this state; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize March 11, 2003, as Wise County Day at
9 the State Capitol and extend to its citizens warmest best wishes for
10 a memorable and enjoyable visit.