

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 151

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the citizens of Wise County and to proclaim March 11, 2003, Wise County Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Wise County was created in 1856 from Cooke County and was named for United States Senator Henry A. Wise, an early settler in the area who favored the annexation of Texas; and

WHEREAS, The Trinity River bisects the county from northwest to southeast, making Wise County a rich agricultural region that produces vegetables, cantaloupes, watermelons, pecans, and grains; it is also a leading dairy and cattle area; and

WHEREAS, The county is one of the state's major oil and gas producers, and its land is a rich source of clays, stone, sand, and gravel; and

WHEREAS, In the 1800s, the Butterfield Overland Mail Route stopped at numerous Wise County settlements, and in 1856, Decatur was selected as the county seat; and

WHEREAS, The citizens annually celebrate their county's proud heritage; they re-create the past by hosting such celebrations as Pioneer Days, Chisholm Trail Days, and Butterfield Stage Days; and

WHEREAS, Decatur's Wise County Heritage Museum houses archives of the area's early period, including Indian artifacts, art, and relics; and

WHEREAS, The Wise County Courthouse, located on Decatur's town square, was built of pink limestone from Burnet in 1895, and

the building is considered an architectural gem of its type and era; and

WHEREAS, Tourists are attracted by Wise County's natural beauty and frequent the popular recreational area at Lake Bridgeport located in rugged but scenic country; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Wise County are rightfully proud of their history and their county's amenities, and this colorful region is treasured by citizens across the state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby express appreciation to the citizens of Wise County for their contributions to our state and extend to them best wishes for a joyous Wise County Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the citizens of Wise County as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 11, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate