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H.R. No. 177

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Wise County are gathering at the State
2 Capitol on February 23, 2005, to celebrate the role their county has
3 played in the annals of our great state; and

4 WHEREAS, Officially created in 1856, the county was named in
5 honor of Henry A. Wise, a U.S. congressman from Virginia who lent
6 support to the annexation of Texas in the 1840s; and

7 WHEREAS, Wise County is located in northwestern Texas, and it
8 enjoys a diverse economy, primarily centered around agribusiness,
9 petroleum, manufacturing, and tourism; it is one of the 30
10 fastest-growing counties in the state and boasts a varied
11 topography of rolling hills and flat terrain of red clay; and

12 WHEREAS, The area's historic sites and cultural attractions
13 draw many visitors to Decatur, the county seat and home to the
14 Waggoner Mansion, the Old Stone Prison, the Wise County Heritage
15 Museum, and the historic pink granite Wise County Courthouse built
16 in 1895; other towns in the county include Bridgeport, Alvord,
17 Aurora, Boyd, Briar, Chico, Greenwood, Lake Bridgeport, Newark, New
18 Fairview, Paradise, Pecan Acres, Rhome, Runaway Bay, and Slidell;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, With its attractive landscape, the county is a
21 desirable destination for visitors who enjoy the benefits of nature
22 and outdoor recreational activities provided by Lake Bridgeport,
23 Eagle Mountain Lake, and the Lyndon Baines Johnson National
24 Grasslands; furthermore, the area's citizens celebrate their

1 history with festive annual events such as the Chisolm Trail Days in
2 June and the Butterfield Stage Days in July; and

3 WHEREAS, The residents of this notable Texas county have
4 played an important role in the development and preservation of
5 their region, and it is a pleasure to pay tribute to Wise County and
6 its citizens on this special day; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize February 23, 2005, as Wise County Day
9 and extend to those visiting here today sincere best wishes for an
10 enjoyable day.