

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2005 marks the 100th birthday anniversary
2 of Lone Star musical pioneer Bob Wills, and the Texas House of
3 Representatives is pleased to recognize March 3, 2005, as Bob Wills
4 Day at the Capitol in celebration of the life and cultural
5 contributions of this true Texas original; and

6 WHEREAS, Born in Limestone County on March 6, 1905, James
7 Robert Wills was the eldest of 10 children and a musical prodigy who
8 found his calling at a young age, making his professional debut at
9 the age of 10; the undisputed King of Western Swing, he continued
10 his lifelong love affair with music until his passing in May 1975,
11 at the age of 70, in Fort Worth; and

12 WHEREAS, A member of the Country Music Hall of Fame, Mr. Wills
13 cut his musical teeth playing fiddle at square dances, traveling
14 with a medicine show, and performing with the Wills Fiddle Band,
15 Aladdin's Laddies, and the Light Crust Doughboys, one of the era's
16 most successful bands; and

17 WHEREAS, Following an acrimonious split with manager W. Lee
18 "Pappy" O'Daniel, Mr. Wills and several erstwhile Doughboys
19 reformed as Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys; the group broke new
20 musical ground by combining traditional country music with the
21 popular big band style, and this visionary fusion redefined
22 American musical tastes and propelled Bob Wills and His Texas
23 Playboys to national prominence; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Wills and his world-renowned band produced

1 several major hit records during their extraordinary career,
2 including "New San Antonio Rose," "Ida Red Likes the Boogie,"
3 "Faded Love," and the band's biggest hit, "New Spanish Two Step,"
4 which topped the charts for 16 weeks; and

5 WHEREAS, Bob Wills left an indelible mark on the landscape of
6 popular music, inspiring future generations of musicians to explore
7 the boundaries of the musical terrain, and his contributions will
8 undoubtedly continue to have a positive and lasting effect for
9 years to come; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
11 Legislature hereby recognize March 3, 2005, as Bob Wills Day at the
12 Capitol and pay tribute to the memory of this iconic Texas musician.

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Craddick	Geren	Menendez
Allen of Harris	Giddings	Merritt
Allen of Dallas	Gonzales	Miller
Alonzo	Gonzalez Toureilles	Moreno of Harris
Anchia	Goodman	Moreno of El Paso
Anderson	Goolsby	Morrison
Bailey	Griggs	Mowery
Baxter	Grusendorf	Naishtat
Berman	Guillen	Nixon
Blake	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hamric	Olivo
Branch	Hardcastle	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Paxton
Burnam	Hegar	Pena
Callegari	Herrero	Phillips
Campbell	Hilderbran	Pickett
Casteel	Hill	Pitts
Castro	Hochberg	Puente
Chavez	Hodge	Quintanilla
Chisum	Homer	Raymond
Coleman	Hope	Reyna
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Riddle
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Ritter
Corte	Hughes	Rodriguez
Crabb	Hunter	Rose
Crownover	Hupp	Seaman
Davis of Harris	Isett	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	Jackson	Smith of Harris
Dawson	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
Delisi	Jones of Dallas	Solis
Denny	Keel	Solomons
Deshotel	Keffer of Dallas	Strama
Driver	Keffer of Eastland	Straus
Dukes	King of Parker	Swinford
Dunnam	King of Zavala	Talton
Dutton	Kolkhorst	Taylor
Edwards	Krusee	Thompson
Eiland	Kuempel	Truitt
Eissler	Laney	Turner
Elkins	Laubenberg	Uresti
Escobar	Leibowitz	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Luna	Veasey
Farrar	Madden	Villarreal
Flores	Martinez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez Fischer	West
Frost	McCall	Wong
Gallego	McClendon	Woolley
Gattis	McReynolds	Zedler

H.R. No. 448

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 448 was adopted by the House on March 3, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House