

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Wise County are visiting Austin on
2 February 12, 2013, to celebrate Wise County Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in the northwestern part of the state, Wise
5 County has a varied terrain, much of which has proven to be fertile
6 farmland; the first known inhabitants of the area in historic times
7 were the Wichita, followed by groups of Caddo, Delaware, and
8 Kichai; Anglo settlers arrived in the 1850s, and on January 23,
9 1856, the county was carved out of Cooke County by legislative act
10 and named in honor of Henry A. Wise, a U.S. congressman from
11 Virginia who had supported the annexation of Texas; at the same time
12 as it created Wise County, the legislature decreed that its county
13 seat be established within five miles of the county's center, and
14 two years later that new community became known as Decatur, after
15 the naval hero Stephen Decatur; and

16 WHEREAS, The eastern fork of the Chisholm Trail passed near
17 Decatur during the latter half of the 19th century, and the town
18 prospered as a shipping point and market for local farmers; today,
19 it is a center for natural gas production, specialty carbon and
20 graphite manufacturing, and health care, as well as marketing and
21 processing for Wise County agribusiness; visitors are drawn to
22 Decatur by such historic attractions as the Waggoner Mansion, the
23 Wise County Heritage Museum, the Wise County Veterans Park, and the
24 pink granite Wise County Courthouse, which was completed in 1896;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Wise County is home to a variety of recreational
3 opportunities provided by Lake Bridgeport, Eagle Mountain Lake, and
4 the Caddo-Lyndon B. Johnson National Grasslands; in addition, area
5 residents celebrate their heritage with the annual Butterfield
6 Stage Days Festival in May, the Wise County Old Settlers Reunion in
7 July, and the Chisholm Trail Days and Western Heritage Festival in
8 September; and

9 WHEREAS, The citizens of Wise County may take justifiable
10 pride in their corner of Texas and know that it has contributed
11 immensely to the development and vitality of the Lone Star State;
12 now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
14 Legislature hereby recognize February 12, 2013, as Wise County Day
15 at the State Capitol and extend best wishes to the visiting
16 delegation for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.

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Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
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Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
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Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
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H.R. No. 340

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 340 was adopted by the House on February 12, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House