

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Wise County are visiting Austin on  
2 February 21, 2017, to celebrate Wise County Day at the State  
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in the northwestern part of the state, Wise  
5 County was established on January 23, 1856; the county was carved  
6 out of Cooke County by legislative act and named in honor of Henry  
7 A. Wise, a U.S. congressman from Virginia who had supported the  
8 annexation of Texas; at the same time as it created Wise County, the  
9 legislature decreed that its county seat be established within five  
10 miles of the county's center, and two years later that new community  
11 became known as Decatur, after the naval hero Stephen Decatur; and

12 WHEREAS, The eastern fork of the Chisholm Trail passed near  
13 Decatur during the latter half of the 19th century, and the town  
14 prospered as a shipping point and market for local farmers; today,  
15 it is a center for natural gas production, specialty carbon and  
16 graphite manufacturing, and health care, as well as marketing and  
17 processing for area agribusiness; and

18 WHEREAS, Decatur is also home to some of the best  
19 professional rodeo cowboys and bull riders in the world; among the  
20 champions who live or train in the community are three-time  
21 Professional Bull Riders World Champion Silvano Alves, PBR World  
22 Champions Mike Lee and Guilherme Marchi, PBR Rookies of the Year  
23 Joao Ricardo Vieira and Kaique Pacheco, and nine-time National  
24 Finals Rodeo finalist steer wrestler K. C. Jones, as well as the

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1 most decorated rodeo cowboy of all time, with 23 world  
2 championships and 13 all-around titles, Trevor Brazile; the famed  
3 Cooper family of rodeo cowboys also lives in Decatur, including the  
4 patriarch and Texas Rodeo Hall of Famer Roy Cooper; and

5 WHEREAS, Visitors are drawn by such historic attractions as  
6 the Waggoner Mansion, the Wise County Heritage Museum, the Wise  
7 County Veterans Park, and the pink granite Wise County Courthouse,  
8 which was completed in 1896; Wise County is home to a variety of  
9 recreational opportunities provided by Lake Bridgeport, Eagle  
10 Mountain Lake, and the Caddo-Lyndon B. Johnson National Grasslands;  
11 in addition, area residents commemorate their heritage with the  
12 annual Butterfield Stage Days Festival in May, the Wise County Old  
13 Settlers Reunion in July, and the Chisholm Trail Days and Western  
14 Heritage Festival in September; and

15 WHEREAS, Celebrating their history as they embrace the  
16 opportunities of the future, the citizens of Wise County take great  
17 pride in their community, and it is indeed fitting to honor their  
18 unique contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now,  
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
21 Legislature hereby recognize February 21, 2017, as Wise County Day  
22 at the State Capitol and extend best wishes to the visiting  
23 delegation for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.

King of Parker

Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
Giddings	Oliveira	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 483 was adopted by the House on February 21, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House