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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Austin-based band Wood & Wire was nominated for a Grammy Award for the 2019 Best Bluegrass Album for *North of Despair*; and

WHEREAS, Formed in 2011, Wood & Wire includes guitarist-vocalist Tony Kamel, mandolinist Billy Bright, banjo player Trevor Smith, and Dominic Fisher on upright bass; and

WHEREAS, The group has recorded three full-length studio LPs, as well as two EPs and a live album; after honing their latest songs during three solid years on the road, the members elected to record *North of Despair* in Dripping Springs; they cut the tracks mostly live to tape, using only minimal editing, in order to retain the energy of their concerts; and

WHEREAS, Wood & Wire has represented Texas admirably on the bluegrass scene, and these talented musicians may take justifiable pride in this well-deserved national recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Wood & Wire on its nomination for a Grammy Award for Best Bluegrass Album and extend to the members sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for the band as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.