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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Austin-based band Wood & Wire was nominated for a  
2 Grammy Award for the 2019 Best Bluegrass Album for *North of Despair*;  
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4           WHEREAS, Formed in 2011, Wood & Wire includes  
5 guitarist-vocalist Tony Kamel, mandolinist Billy Bright, banjo  
6 player Trevor Smith, and Dominic Fisher on upright bass; and

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

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

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

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