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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Wylie are gathering in Austin on
2 February 27, 2019, to celebrate Wylie Day at the State Capitol; and

3 WHEREAS, Originally known as Nickelville, the community
4 received a new name in preparation for the advent of the Gulf,
5 Colorado, and Santa Fe Railway in Collin County; according to
6 legend, the agent and engineer in charge of the rail project,
7 Colonel W. D. Wylie, promised to buy new baseball uniforms for the
8 local team if they would rename the town in his honor; the name
9 became official in 1886 with the submission of an application for a
10 post office; and

11 WHEREAS, Colonel Wylie purchased 100 acres along the tracks,
12 laid north of the earlier settlement, and divided the land into city
13 lots, which he sold at considerable profit; Wylie was incorporated
14 in November 1887, and the following year, another rail line, the
15 St. Louis Southwestern, brought further opportunity; and

16 WHEREAS, Benefiting from the transportation hub, as well as
17 the rich Blackland Prairies soil, Wylie farmers prospered, making
18 weekly shipments of hogs, produce, cotton, and onions; the town had
19 more than 35 businesses before 1920, and it grew even during the
20 Great Depression, as dairy farming increased to meet the needs of
21 nearby Dallas; Wylie continued to flourish following World War II,
22 with the construction of Lake Lavon and related offices for the
23 North Texas Municipal Water District; the booming economy of the
24 Metroplex later caused Wylie to expand into Rockwall and Dallas

1 Counties; and

2 WHEREAS, Wylie's colorful history illustrates the importance
3 of railroads in the development of Texas agriculture, and residents
4 may take pride in their rich heritage as they continue to build a
5 dynamic future; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize February 27, 2019, as Wylie Day at the
8 State Capitol and extend to the members of the visiting delegation
9 best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable stay in Austin.