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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The *Wise About Texas* podcast has been educating and entertaining a wide audience with stories from Texas history, inviting the listening public to "get wise about Texas," since its inception on November 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The podcast has promoted and encouraged learning about Texas history by illuminating seminal moments through painstakingly researched and entertainingly told stories about the people who lived them, both the traditionally celebrated and those whose tales are not widely known; and

WHEREAS, *Wise About Texas* has grown to become an award-winning podcast that has been downloaded over 800,000 times in 150 countries around the globe; and

WHEREAS, The podcast is the brainchild and labor of love of the eminent amateur historian Justice Ken Wise of Houston, who, in addition to his work in preserving and popularizing the study of Texas history, serves Texas as a justice of the Fourteenth Court of Appeals, where he has served since 2013 after having previously served as the judge of the 334th and 152nd Judicial Districts and as an adjunct law professor at the University of Houston Law Center; and

WHEREAS, Justice Wise, who traces his ancestry back to the Republic of Texas in 1836, has studied Texas history since his youth and has a tremendous passion for the stories and values that built Texas; and

WHEREAS, Justice Wise enjoys reading and writing about Texas history, has published scholarly articles in several different journals, and is a very popular speaker on various Texas history topics who started *Wise About Texas* to preserve and promote Texas history; and

WHEREAS, Every episode ends with the popular "Getting There" segment directing listeners on how to get to the sites of that episode's story and encouraging listeners to travel to see important places of Texas history for themselves, before proclaiming, "God Bless Texas and we'll see ya down the road"; and

WHEREAS, A beloved staple of the podcast is the annual revelation of compelling stories from the Texas Revolution, known to the *Wise About Texas* audience as "the High Holy Days" of Texas history; and

WHEREAS, *Wise About Texas* released its 100th episode on April 21, 2021, the 185th anniversary of Texas winning her independence at the Battle of San Jacinto, and that episode fittingly tells the story of the monuments--plural--on the battleground commemorating this seminal Texas event; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Justice Ken Wise on the 100th episode of *Wise About Texas* and extend to him sincere best wishes for the continued run of this eminent podcast; and, be it further

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