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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, *Wise About Texas* released its 100th episode on April
16 21, 2021, the 185th anniversary of Texas winning her independence
17 at the Battle of San Jacinto, and that episode fittingly tells the
18 story of the monuments--plural--on the battleground commemorating
19 this seminal Texas event; now, therefore, be it

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

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