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H.R. No. 144

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Wise County are visiting Austin on  
2 March 7, 2023, to celebrate Wise County Day at the State Capitol;  
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4 WHEREAS, Located in the northwestern part of the state, Wise  
5 County was established on January 23, 1856; the county was carved  
6 out of Cooke County by legislative act and named in honor of Henry  
7 A. Wise, a U.S. congressman from Virginia who had supported the  
8 annexation of Texas; at the same time as it created Wise County, the  
9 legislature decreed that its county seat be established within five  
10 miles of the county's center, and two years later that new community  
11 became known as Decatur, after the naval hero Stephen Decatur; and

12 WHEREAS, The eastern fork of the Chisholm Trail passed near  
13 Decatur during the latter half of the 19th century, and the town  
14 prospered as a shipping point and market for local farmers; today,  
15 it is a center for natural gas production, specialty carbon and  
16 graphite manufacturing, and health care, as well as marketing and  
17 processing for area agribusiness; and

18 WHEREAS, Decatur is also home to some of the best  
19 professional rodeo cowboys and bull riders in the world; the many  
20 champions who have lived or trained in the community include one of  
21 the most decorated rodeo cowboys of all time, Trevor Brazile, as  
22 well as Tuf Cooper and Texas Rodeo Hall of Famer Roy Cooper, both of  
23 the famed Cooper family; and

24 WHEREAS, Visitors to Wise County are drawn by such historic

1 attractions as the Waggoner Mansion, the Wise County Heritage  
2 Museum, the Wise County Veterans Park, and the pink granite Wise  
3 County Courthouse, which was completed in 1896; the county also  
4 offers a variety of recreational opportunities at Lake Bridgeport,  
5 Eagle Mountain Lake, and the Caddo-Lyndon B. Johnson National  
6 Grasslands; in addition, area residents commemorate their heritage  
7 with the annual Butterfield Stage Days Festival in May, the Wise  
8 County Old Settlers Reunion in July, and the Chisholm Trail Days and  
9 Western Heritage Festival in August; and

10 WHEREAS, Celebrating their history as they embrace the  
11 opportunities of the future, the citizens of Wise County take great  
12 pride in their community, and it is indeed fitting to honor their  
13 unique contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now,  
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby recognize March 7, 2023, as Wise County Day at  
17 the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting  
18 delegation.