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Hullabaloo, Caneck! Caneck!

*Patterson, Clayton Williams and Austin Mayor Will Wynn
join to honor Aggie War Hymn author J.V. "Pinky" Wilson*

AUSTIN — Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, Austin Mayor Will Wynn and iconic Texas wildcatter Clayton Williams will honor Aggie War Hymn author J.V. "Pinky" Wilson at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26 at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin.

The Aggies will dedicate a new cenotaph honoring the World War I Marine and A&M Class of 1920 graduate. Wilson wrote the famous Aggie War Hymn, "Good-bye to Texas University" while standing guard duty on the Rhine after the war.

"It is my great honor to help dedicate this memorial to an Aggie hero just blocks away from the University of Texas," said Patterson, Class of 1969. "It is my hope that someday a student from UT will see it and discover true greatness for the first time."

Wilson grew up near Florence and was laid to rest at Post Mountain Cemetery, where a statue of the Aggie great marks his grave.

The War Hymn is widely noted as the best college fight song ever sung and has entertained both students and graduates of Texas University for generations.

WHO: Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, Austin Mayor Will Wynn and Texas entrepreneur Clayton Williams
WHAT: Dedication of cenotaph honoring J.V. "Pinky" Wilson
WHEN: 2:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26
WHERE: Texas State Cemetery, 909 Navasota, Austin
WHY: To honor the man who penned the Aggie War Hymn, which has embiggened the spirits of Aggies since 1920

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