

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Radio station KPAN in Hereford is celebrating its  
2 75th anniversary in 2023; and

3           WHEREAS, In 1948, KPAN was established by John Blake and  
4 former state senator Marshall Formby; Mr. Formby's nephew, Clint  
5 Formby, helped with the construction of the station, and when it  
6 debuted on August 4, he was the first announcer to speak over its AM  
7 frequency; two years later, Marshall Formby bought out his partner;  
8 his nephew came on board as a partner in 1956 and eventually  
9 purchased the station; and

10           WHEREAS, Clint Formby became a Texas radio legend and  
11 Panhandle icon; a leader in the industry at the state and national  
12 level, he also hosted what is considered the longest-running radio  
13 broadcast by an individual; for over 55 years, he discussed a  
14 "predictably unpredictable" variety of topics on the *Day By Day*  
15 *Philosopher* program, and he offered listeners an array of  
16 admonitions, including advice to tip their servers generously and  
17 kiss their loved ones good night; and

18           WHEREAS, Since its inception, KPAN has played country music  
19 and reported the local news; in the 1960s, it added an FM signal and  
20 launched a Spanish-language music and news segment; it has been a  
21 boon to sports fans, covering Hereford High School athletics with  
22 live play-by-play and relaying broadcasts of Texas Tech University  
23 football and basketball and Dallas Cowboys games; over the years,  
24 the station has received numerous awards from the Texas Association

1 of Broadcasters, and it was twice named Outstanding Radio Station;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Clint Formby's son Chip joined the station as news  
4 director and engineer in 1978 and eventually became general manager  
5 and owner; Chip Formby's sons, Jonathan and Lane, worked at the  
6 station during their high school and college years; following Chip  
7 Formby's untimely death, Lane Formby moved back home to carry on the  
8 family legacy, and he has served as general manager since February  
9 2021, working with his mother, Lisa Formby, who is now the majority  
10 partner along with her two sons; and

11 WHEREAS, While consolidation and automation have left few  
12 stations still serving their communities with live, local  
13 broadcasting, KPAN continues to embody the spirit of founder  
14 Marshall Formby's humorous slogan, "The only radio station in the  
15 world that gives a hoot about Hereford, Texas," and area residents  
16 are fortunate to have access to this venerable source of  
17 entertainment, information, and enlightenment; now, therefore, be  
18 it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby congratulate KPAN on its 75th anniversary and  
21 extend to all those associated with the station sincere best wishes  
22 for continued success; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1492

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1492 was adopted by the House on May 19, 2023, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House