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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize radio station KAZI FM 88.7, Austin Community Radio, on the occasion of its 40th anniversary, which was celebrated on August 29, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1982 by the late Dr. John Warfield, professor of African American Studies at The University of Texas, KAZI is a listener-supported, non-commercial community radio station that provides music, educational programming, and information for the African American community and other historically marginalized groups that are underserved by existing local radio stations; and

WHEREAS, The oldest community radio station in Austin, KAZI began transmitting on August 29, 1982, with generous funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and by means of tower space loaned by KLBJ Radio; KAZI has since been supported by donations from listeners and commercial sponsors as well as city funds contributed for the purpose of airing the weekly city council meeting; and

WHEREAS, KAZI promotes both local and national artists and broadcasts a unique mix of rhythm and blues, soul, hip-hop, jazz, gospel, blues, reggae, and zydeco, as well as community information, news, features, interviews, and more; and

WHEREAS, Staffed almost entirely by volunteers committed

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to providing equitable media access to its diverse audience in the Austin area, KAZI FM has been a vibrant part of Austin's social and cultural fabric for decades, and it is truly fitting that the station receive special recognition as it marks this milestone in its history; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby commend the staff, volunteers, patrons, and listeners of KAZI 88.7 on their commitment to Austin's musical heritage and extend best wishes for the station's future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.