

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The year 2003 marks the 50th anniversary of the  
2 founding of KUHT-TV Channel 8 in Houston, and this milestone truly  
3 merits special legislative recognition; and

4           WHEREAS, The first educational television station in the  
5 nation, KUHT-TV was established by Walter W. Kemmerer, the  
6 president of the University of Houston (UH); the station's  
7 inaugural broadcast was on May 25, 1953, from the fifth floor of the  
8 Ezekiel W. Cullen Building on the UH campus; and

9           WHEREAS, Shortly thereafter, KUHT-TV began broadcasting  
10 college credit courses in psychology, English, sciences, and the  
11 arts, and by 1964, the station had moved to a more powerful  
12 transmitter that allowed the signal to reach more than 20  
13 surrounding counties; and

14           WHEREAS, After UH became a state institution in the late  
15 1960s, the Association for Community Television was created to  
16 serve as KUHT-TV's support and fund-raising arm; over the ensuing  
17 decade, the station became part of the nascent Public Broadcasting  
18 Service, which provided audiences the opportunity to see such  
19 acclaimed programs as *Nova* and *Masterpiece Theatre*; and

20           WHEREAS, In 1985, KUHT-TV became the first station in Houston  
21 to air programming in high-fidelity stereo, and this advancement  
22 further enhanced the viewing experience for fans of *Evening at*  
23 *Pops*, *Austin City Limits*, *Cosmos*, *MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour*, *Sesame*  
24 *Street*, and many other beloved shows; and

1           WHEREAS, KUHT-TV moved to a state-of-the-art facility in  
2 2001, which is credited in large part to the generosity of LeRoy and  
3 Lucile Melcher, and its programming includes children's shows,  
4 music, documentaries, drama, news, and for-credit instruction; and

5           WHEREAS, In the five decades since its founding, KUHT-TV  
6 Channel 8 has remained dedicated to providing its viewers with  
7 high-quality educational programming, and it is a pleasure to join  
8 in celebrating the 50th anniversary of this Texas treasure; now,  
9 therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate all those associated with KUHT-TV  
12 Channel 8 on the station's golden anniversary and recognize May 25,  
13 2003, as KUHT-TV Channel 8 Day at the State Capitol; and, be it  
14 further

15           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for KUHT-TV Channel 8 as an expression of high regard by  
17 the Texas House of Representatives.

Coleman  
Noriega  
Farrar  
Hochberg  
Davis of Harris

H.R. No. 1365

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1365 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House