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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Numerous Austin-area amateur radio operators are
2 taking part in Field Day in June 2006, with several radio clubs
3 meeting at Anderson High School to join in the 24-hour national
4 event; and

5 WHEREAS, Sponsored by the American Radio Relay League, Field
6 Day was created to test operators' skills in setting up and
7 operating radio communication equipment in situations where
8 electrical power is limited or unavailable; and

9 WHEREAS, The first Field Day exercise took place in 1933, and
10 this year's event is expected to include more than 30,000 ham radio
11 operators in the United States and neighboring Canada; nationally,
12 nearly 700,000 Americans are licensed amateur radio operators,
13 while global participation in the hobby exceeds 2.5 million people;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The importance of amateur radio is most notable in
16 times of emergency, such as natural and man-made disasters, and the
17 operators in the Austin area are doing their part to stay prepared
18 for these dangerous situations; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
20 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commemorate Field Day on
21 June 24-25, 2006, and recognize Austin's amateur radio operators
22 for their participation in this noteworthy event.