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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2007 marks the 60th anniversary of KMHT
2 Radio in Marshall, and this occasion provides an opportunity to
3 reflect on the history and achievements of this longtime voice of
4 the community; and

5 WHEREAS, In March 1947, 1450 AM began operation in Marshall,
6 becoming the city's first local station; owned by a group of
7 veterans who had recently returned from service in World War II, the
8 station was initially limited to 250 watts of broadcasting power
9 but nonetheless won the allegiance of many local residents; and

10 WHEREAS, After 14 years of operation, KMHT was granted
11 permission to raise its broadcast power to 1,000 watts in 1961,
12 which allowed it to reach a much larger area and a greater number of
13 listeners; and

14 WHEREAS, The station expanded to the FM dial in 1981 with the
15 launch of programming on KZEY 103.9; in 2003, the FM station was
16 allowed to switch its call letters to KMHT to match its AM
17 counterpart and to reflect its connection to Marshall's inaugural
18 station; and

19 WHEREAS, KMHT Radio was owned for a time by boxing champion
20 George Foreman, who donated it to Wiley College in the late 1990s;
21 Hanszen Broadcast Group, the current owners, bought the AM and FM
22 stations in 2002; and

23 WHEREAS, Today, Marshall's venerable broadcasting voice
24 offers a mix of news, country music, sports, and popular features

1 such as Paul Harvey; the stations' strong news content includes
2 local reports and programming from Texas State Network News, and
3 its efforts to inform and entertain the community have been
4 recognized with a number of local awards; and

5 WHEREAS, After six decades on the air, KMHT Radio remains a
6 vital presence in the Marshall area, and the management and staff
7 may take great pride in their many years of steadfast service to the
8 residents of East Texas; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate KMHT Radio on its 60th anniversary
11 and extend best wishes to all those involved in the operation of the
12 station through the years; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the station as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.