

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives takes pleasure in
2 recognizing public radio station KUT-FM on the occasion of its 50th
3 anniversary; and

4 WHEREAS, Through the efforts of a group of students at The
5 University of Texas and radio-television-film Professor Robert
6 Schenkkan, KUT went on the air in November of 1958 as a full-power
7 FM radio station; it has grown from a 4,000-watt station with a
8 range of 15 miles to one with 100,000 watts that reaches 500,000
9 people each week over the air, online, through two additional
10 digital channels, and through nationally syndicated original
11 programming; and

12 WHEREAS, Initially run by student volunteers, KUT-FM now
13 employs 65 professionals and continues its collaboration with the
14 university's journalism school through a competitive internship
15 program; and

16 WHEREAS, The news department, added in 2002 to expand news
17 coverage in the Central Texas area, has received more than 50 state,
18 national, and international awards, including 12 Edward R. Murrow
19 awards for journalistic excellence; and

20 WHEREAS, From its beginning as a mostly classical station
21 operating three hours per night, the station has evolved over the
22 years with the interests of its listeners, whose donations make up
23 the bulk of the station's budget; it now provides news and
24 information, public affairs programming, and a variety of music

1 programming, as well as National Public Radio's popular programs
2 *Morning Edition* and *All Things Considered*; and

3 WHEREAS, Central Texas is fortunate to have such a dedicated
4 and talented group of broadcasting professionals and students who
5 supply entertainment, information, and inspiration through
6 programming that is now aired around the clock; now, therefore, be
7 it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
9 Legislature hereby commend all those associated with KUT-FM for the
10 many contributions the public radio station has made to the
11 cultural life of Central Texas and extend to them congratulations
12 on KUT's 50th anniversary celebration; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 651

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 651 was adopted by the House on
February 26, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House