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H.R. No. 651

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.