

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 257

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pleasure in recognizing public radio station KUT-FM on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, From its beginning as a mostly classical station operating three hours per night, the station has evolved over the years with the interests of its listeners, whose donations make up the bulk of the station's budget; it now provides news and information, public affairs programming, and a variety of music programming, as well as National Public Radio's popular programs *Morning Edition* and *All Things Considered*; and

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

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

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on February 23, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate