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H.R. No. 1257

# RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, In celebration of the 65th anniversary of KWTX Radio  
2 in Waco, a reunion of past and present employees is being held on  
3 April 29, 2011, and this occasion offers a welcome opportunity to  
4 pay tribute to KWTX and to M. N. Bostick, the man who guided the  
5 station for a half-century; and

6 WHEREAS, A group of Waco businessmen, including future Texas  
7 governor Beauford Jester, applied for a radio broadcast license in  
8 1941; after a delay caused by World War II, KWTX began airing on May  
9 1, 1946; its mix of music, news, sports, and drama was overseen by  
10 station manager M. N. "Buddy" Bostick; and

11 WHEREAS, Born in Moody on May 18, 1918, Buddy Bostick learned  
12 to play the guitar and yodel at a young age, and he began making  
13 appearances on a weekend radio show; he managed the Baylor  
14 University radio station while a student there and then took  
15 announcing jobs in Little Rock, Memphis, and Dallas; after  
16 interrupting his broadcasting career for gunnery school during the  
17 war, he became the manager of KWTX at the age of 28; and

18 WHEREAS, During the following five decades, Mr. Bostick  
19 presided over a growing media company that debuted KWTX-TV in 1955  
20 and KBTX-TV out of Bryan-College Station in 1957, purchased  
21 stations in Victoria, Oklahoma, and Louisiana, and introduced an FM  
22 radio station in 1970; he received the Pioneer Broadcaster of the  
23 Year Award from the Texas Association of Broadcasters and marked  
24 his 50th anniversary with KWTX Radio in 1996; and

1       WHEREAS, The radio stations were sold to GulfStar  
2 Communications that year, and this notable Texan went on to be  
3 active in banking and philanthropic work; he also helped in the  
4 development of the Waco Mammoth Site; and

5       WHEREAS, Throughout his notable career in radio, Buddy  
6 Bostick was responsible for entertaining and informing numerous  
7 residents of the Lone Star State, and his contributions to the Texas  
8 airwaves are indeed worthy of commendation; now, therefore, be it

9       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
10 Legislature hereby commemorate the 65th anniversary of KWTX in Waco  
11 and honor Buddy Bostick for his 50 years in broadcasting; and, be it  
12 further

13       RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared  
14 for KWTX and for Mr. Bostick as an expression of high regard by the  
15 Texas House of Representatives.