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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Austin Amateur Radio Club is celebrating the
2 100th anniversary of its founding in 2019, and this milestone
3 presents a fitting opportunity to recognize the group for its
4 outstanding contributions to the community; and

5 WHEREAS, Since 1919, more than 100 members licensed by the
6 Federal Communications Commission have served Travis County by
7 providing emergency communications when normal systems are
8 nonfunctional or overloaded, such as during and after natural
9 disasters; and

10 WHEREAS, The club has maintained and operated radio rooms
11 next to the Emergency Operations Center at the Combined
12 Transportation, Emergency and Communications Center and the State
13 Operations Center at the Department of Public Safety headquarters
14 as well as with the Central and South Texas American Red Cross,
15 which further benefit from the group's mobile emergency
16 communications trailer; members also maintain backup transmission
17 for 15 area hospitals through the Amateur Radio Communications for
18 Hospital Emergencies System, provide Skywarn reports to the
19 National Weather Service, and dispense situational awareness to the
20 Department of Defense through the U.S. Army Military Auxiliary
21 Radio System; and

22 WHEREAS, This notable organization has further served area
23 residents by providing communication support for public service
24 events, including the MS150 and Sound the Alarm smoke detector

1 program for low-income households; since 1993, the club's
2 scholarship program has granted more than \$250,000 to FCC-licensed
3 high school seniors in Travis and surrounding counties; the fund
4 awarded \$17,500 in 2018 alone; and

5 WHEREAS, For a century, the men and women of the Austin
6 Amateur Radio Club have helped to aid and educate their fellow
7 citizens, and they may take great pride in their important work;
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
10 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Austin
11 Amateur Radio Club and extend to all those associated with the
12 organization sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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