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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 26th conference of the Rainbow Alliance of the
2 Deaf is taking place in Austin from July 16 to 21, 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, Founded in 1977 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, RAD is a
4 nonprofit organization born out of the desire of its founder, Roy
5 Parker, to unite the gay and lesbian deaf community and to advance
6 the economic, educational, and social welfare of its members; today
7 RAD remains a proud group of LGBTQ individuals who are deaf,
8 deaf-blind, or hard of hearing, and it places a strong emphasis on
9 fostering fellowship and defending their rights in regard to social
10 justice issues; and

11 WHEREAS, The organization's conference is the largest event
12 of its kind and has been held in various cities on an annual or
13 biennial basis since the year the group was founded; the theme for
14 the Austin conference is "Unity, Love, Peace," and the gathering is
15 expected to draw as many as 200 attendees for what is certain to be
16 an enriching educational and cultural experience; and

17 WHEREAS, For more than four decades, the Rainbow Alliance of
18 the Deaf has proven itself to be an effective advocate in its
19 efforts to build a more equitable and inclusive society for all, and
20 its 2019 conference is bringing together individuals from around
21 the country who share this commendable goal; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
23 Legislature hereby commemorate the 26th conference of the Rainbow
24 Alliance of the Deaf and extend to all those in attendance sincere

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1 best wishes for an enjoyable and productive visit to Austin; and, be
2 it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
5 Texas House of Representatives.