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H.R. No. 1652

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Donald J. Dunlap of Corpus Christi, general manager  
2 and president of KEDT, is marking a half century in broadcasting in  
3 2022; and

4 WHEREAS, A Robstown native, Don Dunlap joined KEDT at its  
5 inception in 1972; he was employed as an engineer, television  
6 production manager, operations manager, and assistant general  
7 manager before taking the helm of the station in 1996; partnering  
8 with the Texas State Aquarium and the Art Museum of South Texas, he  
9 served as executive producer on two nationally distributed public  
10 television series, *Wonders Under the Sea* and *Art Journeys*; his  
11 tenure has brought a wealth of local programming, including the  
12 documentary *Justice for My People: The Hector P. Garcia Story*; the  
13 high school quiz show *Challenge*, now in its 17th season, and *The*  
14 *KEDT Edition*, a discussion forum for community leaders;

15 WHEREAS, his engineering and fundraising acumen enabled the  
16 South Texas Public Broadcasting System to add a second radio tower  
17 in Victoria to deliver high-definition television and digital radio  
18 programming; In 2016, Mr. Dunlap guided the station into a new era  
19 with the relocation of KEDT-TV and KEDT-FM to the \$48-million KEDT  
20 Center for Educational Broadcasting at Del Mar College; moreover,  
21 during the COVID-19 pandemic, the station expanded digital services  
22 to the Valley and instituted daily radio health newscasts and  
23 launched PBS Learning Media, a free distance-learning tool for  
24 teachers and students; it collaborated with the Corpus Christi

1 Independent School District on Operation Stay Connected, providing  
2 basic math and reading instruction for prekindergarten through the  
3 second grade, taught by CCISD teachers; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Dunlap serves on advisory committees for PBS and  
5 the Corporation for Public Broadcasting; he has worked tirelessly  
6 at the local, state, and national levels on the digital conversion  
7 of public television, and he has given generously of his time and  
8 expertise in numerous leadership roles, among them chair of the  
9 National Educational Telecommunications Association and member of  
10 the Del Mar College curriculum advisory board; and

11 WHEREAS, Few in broadcasting can claim a career as long and  
12 impactful, and through his outstanding contributions to KEDT and  
13 the communities it serves, Don Dunlap has earned the admiration and  
14 appreciation of countless South Texans; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby honor Donald J. Dunlap for a half century of  
17 service to public broadcasting and extend to him sincere best  
18 wishes for the future; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for Mr. Dunlap as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
21 House of Representatives.