



The State of Texas House of Representatives

H.R. No. 587

RESOLUTION

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

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

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

WHEREAS, This notable organization has further served area residents by providing communication support for public service events, including the MS150 and Sound the Alarm smoke detector program for low-income households; since 1993, the club's scholarship program has granted more than \$250,000 to FCC-licensed high school seniors in Travis and surrounding counties; the fund awarded \$17,500 in 2018 alone; and

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

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

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