

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, In March 2003 *The Bastrop Advertiser* is celebrating  
2 its 150th anniversary, and this is indeed an auspicious occasion  
3 for the newspaper and the community it serves; and

4           WHEREAS, First published in 1853 by W. J. Cain, *The Bastrop*  
5 *Advertiser* is one of the state's oldest weekly newspapers, and its  
6 exceptional longevity is a result of the dedicated efforts of its  
7 many employees, past and present, who worked to make it the county's  
8 prime source of local news and opinion; and

9           WHEREAS, Over the course of its colorful history, *The Bastrop*  
10 *Advertiser* has covered a diverse array of stories, publishing the  
11 memoirs of Cayton Erhard, a Bastrop man who fought in the war with  
12 Mexico, following the fortunes of local leaders who became  
13 prominent political figures at the state level, and reporting on  
14 the construction of Camp Swift; and

15           WHEREAS, This noteworthy paper is being honored with a  
16 historical marker by the Texas Historical Commission, and the  
17 unveiling of the marker is only part of the many festivities related  
18 to the newspaper's 150th anniversary; and

19           WHEREAS, For a century and a half *The Bastrop Advertiser* has  
20 provided its readers with a valuable source of news, information,  
21 and opinion, and the publication is an enduring aspect of one of  
22 Central Texas' oldest communities; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby congratulate *The Bastrop Advertiser* on the

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1 occasion of its sesquicentennial and extend to its management and  
2 staff best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

Cook of Colorado

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 319 was adopted by the House on  
February 25, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House