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H.R. No. 1070

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On May 10, 2003, the *Villager* celebrates 30 years of
2 service to the residents of Austin, and this event is indeed
3 deserving of special notice; and

4 WHEREAS, Publisher Tommy Wyatt began what was originally a
5 one-man operation in 1973 as a four-page tabloid devoted mainly to
6 the African-American citizenry in the Capitol City; the newspaper
7 emphasized the community's history and offered readers positive
8 news stories; and

9 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the *Villager* has been involved
10 with issues important to local citizens, including neighborhood
11 revitalization and the right of clinic-card holders to have a
12 choice of pharmacies from which to buy their prescriptions; and

13 WHEREAS, Supporting youth on their path to become writers and
14 community leaders has been a high priority of the publication
15 through its Youth Brigade initiative; during anniversary
16 festivities, former Youth Brigade members are paying tribute to
17 their mentor with a special program honoring Mr. Wyatt; and

18 WHEREAS, As a lasting tribute to Mr. Wyatt and his commitment
19 to the youth of his community, Congressman Lloyd Doggett and Ada
20 Anderson, cochairs of the *Villager's* 30th anniversary celebration,
21 announced the establishment of the \$50,000 Tommy L. Wyatt
22 Scholarship Endowment Fund at Huston-Tillotson College; and

23 WHEREAS, For three decades, the *Villager* has worked in behalf
24 of the people of Austin, and it is fitting that this respected

1 periodical be honored for its notable achievements at this time;
2 now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
4 Legislature hereby commend publisher Tommy Wyatt and the staff of
5 the *Villager* for 30 years of exceptional service to the citizens of
6 Austin and Central Texas and that they be extended best wishes for
7 success in the years to come; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the *Villager* as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.