

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 459

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pleasure in recognizing the well-known Brazoria County newspaper, *The Facts*, on the grand occasion of its 90th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, *The Freeport Facts* published its first edition in 1913 in Velasco, which was one of Brazoria County's largest cities at the time; the paper has since chronicled the county's growth from a farm and fishing community to an industrial community, and at the same time, it has played a vital role in that development; and

WHEREAS, In 1916, the owner of the newspaper and an employee of Freeport Sulfur Company, the largest employer in the county at that time, presented a petition to incorporate Freeport as a city, and 40 years later, Freeport and Velasco merged; and

WHEREAS, A few years after it was first published, the newspaper was bought by the Kendall family, who operated it until 1952, when it was acquired by Southern Newspapers, Incorporated, the company that still owns it; and

WHEREAS, Over time, *The Freeport Facts* became the *Brazosport Facts*, and then simply *The Facts*; in 1957, Jim Nabors became the newspaper's publisher, and under his leadership, *The Facts* grew from a circulation of 2,000 to nearly 20,000 and became the major daily newspaper in Brazoria County; and

WHEREAS, *The Facts* moved from Freeport to its present location in Clute in 1974; over the years, the name and location of the newspaper have changed, but *The Facts* has remained a

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steadfast source of information and support to the communities of Brazoria County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby recognize *The Facts* on the joyous occasion of its 90th anniversary and extend congratulations to all those responsible for its continuous publication in Brazoria County; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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Jackson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 27, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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