

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, one of the state's
2 foremost daily newspapers, is celebrating its 100th anniversary in
3 2006; and

4 WHEREAS, First known as the *Fort Worth Star*, the paper was
5 founded in 1906 by a group of newsmen, with Amon G. Carter, Sr.,
6 serving as advertising manager and Louis J. Wortham as publisher;
7 several years later, Mr. Carter bought the paper, along with its
8 rival, the *Telegram*, and merged the two; the journal has been known
9 as the *Star-Telegram* since 1909; and

10 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Mr. Carter, a renowned
11 booster of Fort Worth and West Texas, the *Star-Telegram* stressed
12 local news while serving Tarrant County and 83 other counties;
13 among the notable undertakings supported by the paper in its first
14 half-century were the creation of Texas Technological College, now
15 Texas Tech University, and Big Bend National Park; and

16 WHEREAS, Now a part of Knight Ridder, the *Star-Telegram* has
17 remained steadfast in its longstanding dedication to community
18 service; it traditionally supports more than 500 nonprofit groups,
19 including the United Way and virtually all local arts
20 organizations; in addition, the paper promotes Adopt-A-School
21 programs, numerous community events and fund-raisers, such as the
22 Cowtown Marathon and 10K Run, and its own holiday charity for
23 children, the *Star-Telegram* Goodfellows Fund; and

24 WHEREAS, Committed to excellence, the paper has been an

1 innovator in its industry, launching what is now the nation's
2 oldest, continuously operating online newspaper edition in 1982;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Over the course of its history, the *Star-Telegram*
5 has garnered myriad accolades, including Pulitzer Prizes for news
6 photography and public service; it is also a recipient of the
7 Outstanding Philanthropic Corporation Award, given by the National
8 Society of Fundraising Executives; and

9 WHEREAS, The voice of Tarrant County, as well as much of West
10 and North Central Texas, the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* has long
11 played a vital role in its community and the Lone Star State, and it
12 is indeed a pleasure to recognize this respected journal during its
13 centennial year; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
15 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor the *Fort Worth*
16 *Star-Telegram* as it marks its 100th anniversary and extend to all
17 those associated with the paper sincere best wishes for continued
18 success.

Smith of Tarrant

H.R. No. 53

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 53 was adopted by the House on April 27, 2006, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House