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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.