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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In 2005, *The Winnsboro News* is beginning its 98th
2 year of publication and celebrating its 20th year of ownership by
3 co-publishers Tom and Karen W. Pendergast; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded on September 24, 1908, the paper was
5 acquired by the Pendergasts on June 1, 1985; the largest weekly
6 newspaper in the Trails Country area, it sells an average of 4,000
7 copies per week; and

8 WHEREAS, *The Winnsboro News* has received more first-place
9 awards in journalism and citations for outstanding community
10 service than any other weekly newspaper in the entire North and East
11 Texas area in the past two decades; the only weekly in the state to
12 win the prestigious statewide Headliners' Master Award for
13 Outstanding Community Journalism three times, this notable
14 publication has received regional and statewide recognition for its
15 column and editorial writing, investigative reporting,
16 advertising, and photography, to name but a few; and

17 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Mr. Pendergast, editor and
18 publisher, Ms. Pendergast, co-publisher and managing editor, and
19 Lou Antonelli, news and sports editor, the small but dedicated
20 staff includes Jennifer Mosher and Kate Phinney in copy editing,
21 Linda Henry and Cathy Lawson in advertising, and Ross Hunter,
22 Archie Lindley, and Ruben Graham in production; and

23 WHEREAS, Community newspapers are a vital and valued part of
24 their readers' lives, and for nearly 100 years, *The Winnsboro News*

1 has kept the residents of Wood and Franklin Counties informed and
2 enlightened; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
4 Legislature hereby commend *The Winnsboro News* on the anniversary
5 of its founding and extend to Tom and Karen Pendergast continued
6 success with their outstanding publication; and, be it further

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