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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Cary and Judy Griffin celebrated 40 years as
2 publishers and owners of the *Forney Messenger* on October 15, 2012;
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4 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Griffin purchased the weekly
5 newspaper's publication rights and customer mailing list from the
6 Dallas East Publishing Company on October 15, 1972; their first
7 issue, printed when the city of Forney did not yet have a single
8 stoplight, was six pages long and cost 10 cents; and

9 WHEREAS, Since they purchased the paper, the Griffins,
10 assisted by six employees, have never missed an issue; dedicated to
11 covering the county's news, the couple not only own the paper, they
12 write many of the articles and take the accompanying photographs;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Founded in 1896 by M. J. Cox, the *Forney Messenger*
15 is an important record of the events that define Kaufman County's
16 history, impact its present, and shape its future; in 1986, the
17 Texas Historical Commission honored the paper with an official
18 historical marker to commemorate its status as the oldest newspaper
19 in continuous operation in Forney; and

20 WHEREAS, The newspapers of Texas play a vital role in the
21 political, cultural, and economic lives of their communities, and
22 today, under the leadership of the Griffins, the *Forney Messenger*
23 continues its long tradition of serving the people of Kaufman
24 County; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Cary and Judy Griffin on 40 years
3 of publishing the *Forney Messenger* and extend to them sincere best
4 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Griffin as an expression of high regard
7 by the Texas House of Representatives.