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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The *Panhandle Herald* celebrated its 125th
2 anniversary in 2012; and

3 WHEREAS, The oldest newspaper in continuous operation in the
4 Texas Panhandle and one of the region's longest-surviving
5 businesses, the *Herald* published its first edition on July 22,
6 1887; the weekly publication was founded by Henry Harold Brookes,
7 an Englishman and a former Episcopal missionary, who had given up
8 his pastorate in Houston after discovering that he could reach a
9 wider audience as an editor than as a preacher; and

10 WHEREAS, After settling in the town of Panhandle, Mr. Brookes
11 built the *Herald's* original wooden press himself and initially
12 lived and worked out of a tent, despite the extremes of the local
13 climate; he was succeeded by a number of other proprietors during
14 the paper's first decades, among them Lee Satterwhite, a future
15 speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, John L. Nunn, a
16 utilities magnate as well as a newspaper owner, and David M. Warren,
17 a newspaperman who later served on The University of Texas Board of
18 Regents; and

19 WHEREAS, Today, the *Herald* is owned and published by Shaun
20 and Frank Wink, with Shaun also serving as editor in chief; now
21 available online as well as in a newsprint edition, the paper has
22 kept pace with the rapid changes in media technology, yet it
23 continues to fulfill its traditional mission of strengthening the
24 bonds of community through its dedicated coverage of news and

1 upcoming events; and

2 WHEREAS, Local newspapers are a vital and valued part of
3 their readers' lives, and throughout a rich history that has
4 spanned more than 12 decades, the *Panhandle Herald* has done an
5 outstanding job of keeping the residents of Carson County informed
6 and enlightened; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
8 Legislature hereby commemorate the 125th anniversary of the
9 *Panhandle Herald* and extend to all those associated with this
10 venerable publication sincere best wishes for continued success;
11 and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for the *Panhandle Herald* as an expression of high regard by
14 the Texas House of Representatives.