

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For a century, *The Facts* newspaper has served
2 citizens of Brazoria County as a vital source of information; and

3 WHEREAS, This venerable publication was established by
4 printer R. Roy Ruffin as *The Freeport Facts*, a weekly that debuted
5 on February 28, 1913, not long after the founding of Freeport; the
6 first edition reported on the growth of the city and included
7 accounts of the completion of the Hotel Carlton and the opening of a
8 new grocery store; at the time, the paper was one of seven in the
9 area; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1914, a local editor and publisher,
11 C. P. Kendall, Sr., purchased *The Freeport Facts*; he was committed
12 to covering the news thoroughly while supporting community and
13 emphasizing positive developments, and this legacy was carried on
14 by his sons, Manis Kendall and C. P. Kendall, Jr., who assumed
15 leadership in 1931; and

16 WHEREAS, The current owner, Southern Newspapers, Inc.,
17 purchased the paper in 1952 and briefly called it *The Daily*
18 *Facts-Review* before public opinion prompted a change to the
19 *Brazosport Facts*; five years later, publisher James Nabors took the
20 helm and built readership by adding a weekend edition and
21 increasing the size of the paper; Hurricane Carla temporarily
22 halted production in 1961, but the publication quickly rebounded
23 and eventually outgrew its offices, leading Mr. Nabors to move its
24 headquarters to Clute in 1976; following his retirement, the paper

1 was led for six years by Bruce Morisse; and

2 WHEREAS, On July 1, 1992, Bill Cornwell began a distinguished
3 tenure as editor and publisher that has continued for more than two
4 decades; he expanded publication to seven days a week, extended
5 coverage to most of the county, and changed the name from the
6 *Brazosport Facts* to *The Facts* to reflect the wider reach; in recent
7 years, the paper has kept pace with the digital age by establishing
8 a website and social media presence; and

9 WHEREAS, The six original competitors to *The Facts* have long
10 since vanished, and it is now the only daily newspaper in the
11 county; its enduring presence is a testament to its proud tradition
12 of quality journalism and its steadfast dedication to the community
13 it serves; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
15 Legislature hereby commemorate the centennial of *The Facts*
16 newspaper and extend to all those associated with the publication
17 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for the newspaper as an expression of high regard by the
20 Texas House of Representatives.

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Straus	M. Gonzalez of El Paso	Oliveira
Allen	N. Gonzalez of El Paso	Orr
Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
Alvarado	Guerra	Paddie
Anchia	Guillen	Parker
Anderson	Gutierrez	Patrick
Ashby	Harless	Perez
Aycock	Harper-Brown	Perry
Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
Branch	Huberty	Raney
Burkett	Hughes	Ratliff
Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Callegari	Johnson	Riddle
Canales	Kacal	Ritter
Capriglione	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
Collier	King of Zavala	Schaefer
Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Lavender	Springer
J. Davis of Harris	Leach	Stephenson
S. Davis of Harris	Lewis	Stickland
Deshotel	Longoria	Strama
Dukes	Lozano	Taylor
Dutton	Lucio III	Thompson of Brazoria
Eiland	Marquez	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	Martinez	Toth
Fallon	Martinez Fischer	Turner of Collin
Farias	McClendon	Turner of Harris
Farney	Menendez	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White
Geren	Munoz, Jr.	Workman
Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
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H.R. No. 968

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 968 was adopted by the House on March 19, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House