

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The *Cherokeean Herald* in Rusk, which has been
2 recognized as the oldest, continuously operated, weekly newspaper
3 in Texas, is celebrating its 165th anniversary in 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, First published on February 27, 1850, as the
5 *Cherokee Sentinel*, the local weekly underwent a number of name
6 changes before its establishment as the *Rusk Cherokeean* in 1923;
7 when the *Alto Herald* was absorbed by the paper in 1989, the
8 publication became known as the *Cherokeean Herald*; and

9 WHEREAS, Through the years, this venerable publication has
10 benefited from the contributions of several well-known public
11 figures; in 1867, at the age of 16, future governor James Stephen
12 Hogg was hired by the paper as a typesetter, and its roster of
13 previous publishers and owners includes U.S. Congressman John
14 Benjamin Long and State Representatives Wallace M. Ellis and Emmett
15 Whitehead; Mr. Whitehead and his wife, Marie, bought the newspaper
16 in 1950, and the Whitehead family continues to own and operate it
17 today; in 2001, an Official State Historical Marker recognized the
18 *Cherokeean's* long record of service to the East Texas community;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Local, independent newspapers are a vital and valued
21 part of their readers' lives, and for well more than a century and a
22 half, the *Cherokeean Herald* has done an outstanding job of keeping
23 the residents of Rusk and Cherokee Counties informed and
24 enlightened; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
2 Legislature hereby honor the *Cherokeean Herald* on the occasion of
3 its 165th anniversary and extend to all those associated with the
4 paper sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for the *Cherokeean Herald* as an expression of high regard
7 by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 117 was adopted by the House on
February 19, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House