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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

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.