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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, *Hometown News* in McLennan County published its last
2 issue on January 28, 2015, and this is a fitting opportunity to pay
3 tribute to the history and achievements of this unique local
4 enterprise; and

5 WHEREAS, The paper was founded by Roger Jones, a veteran of
6 the newspaper industry who first worked in the *Waco Tribune*
7 composing room in 1953, when he was still in high school; in 1960,
8 he went to work for the *Dallas Morning News*, and in 1961, he
9 purchased the Patillo Printing Company and the *Waco Farm and Labor*
10 *Journal* and established his own commercial print shop, the Jones
11 Printing Company; and

12 WHEREAS, In the mid-1980s, Mr. Jones saw an opportunity to
13 create a local publication that represented the unique character of
14 southwest McLennan County; from its first issue in August 1985,
15 *Hometown News* provided coverage of city and school officials,
16 outstanding citizens, and the achievements of the area's students
17 and student athletes; and

18 WHEREAS, *Hometown News* is closing up shop due to a changing
19 media environment, but its publisher and staff may take great pride
20 in the fine job they did sharing the stories of the communities they
21 served; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
23 Legislature hereby commemorate the last issue of *Hometown News* and
24 commend Roger Jones and his staff for their exemplary service to

1 their readers; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for Mr. Jones as an expression of high regard by the Texas
4 House of Representatives.