

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 126

**WHEREAS**, *Community Impact Newspaper* has distinguished itself as an important new voice in Texas media; and

**WHEREAS**, Launched in 2005 by John and Jennifer Garrett, *Community Impact Newspaper* initially covered Round Rock and Pflugerville; it now publishes 18 highly localized monthly editions in the Austin, Houston, and Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan areas, reaching more than 1.3 million households; according to *INC.* magazine, it ranks as the state's fastest-growing news organization; and

**WHEREAS**, *Community Impact Newspaper* remains independently owned and locally operated, with a staff that has grown to include more than 130 employees; between 2007 and 2014, the company received over 70 awards for outstanding journalism and advertising design from the National Newspaper Association, and it was named the 2014 Best Small Business of the Year by the Frisco Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Garrett received the 2014 KPMG Executive Leadership Award from the Austin Chamber of Commerce, and in 2013, *Austin Business Journal* selected him as Best CEO in the Small Business category; the proprietors and the company were accorded the Silver Spur Media Award 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, Local newspapers are a vital and valued part of their readers' lives, and through its dedication to quality journalism, *Community Impact Newspaper* is serving as an important resource for citizens of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby recognize February 11, 2015, as *Community Impact Newspaper Day* at the State Capitol and extend to the company's owners and staff sincere best wishes for continued success.

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Creighton,  
Ellis, Kolkhorst,  
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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 9, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate