SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 201

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Local, independent newspapers are a vital and valued part of their readers' lives, and the *Cherokeean Herald* has done an outstanding job of keeping the residents of Rusk and Cherokee Counties informed and enlightened for well over one and one-half centuries; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby honor the *Cherokeean Herald* on the occasion of its 165th anniversary and extend to all those associated with the newspaper sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the *Cherokeean Herald* as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 18, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate