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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The *Panhandle Herald* is marking the 130th
2 anniversary of its founding on July 22, 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, On that date in 1887, the inaugural edition of the
4 *Herald* was published by Henry Harold Brookes, a former Episcopal
5 missionary who served as a pastor in Houston before he decided to
6 pursue a career in journalism; after relocating to Panhandle, he
7 initially operated the weekly paper out of a tent, using a wooden
8 printing press that he built himself; the publication quickly
9 became an integral part of the community, reporting vital news and
10 chronicling the daily experiences of local residents; and

11 WHEREAS, During the decades that followed, the *Herald*
12 continued to serve as an essential source of information for Carson
13 County citizens, and it ultimately became a historic institution in
14 its own right; it is the oldest newspaper in continuous operation in
15 the Panhandle region of Texas and one of the area's
16 longest-surviving businesses; and

17 WHEREAS, Over the years, the *Herald* has passed through the
18 hands of a number of owners, including such prominent figures as
19 Robert Lee Satterwhite, who later served as speaker of the Texas
20 House of Representatives; today, the paper benefits from the able
21 leadership of Shaun and Frank Wink, who together purchased the
22 publication in August 2009; the *Herald* remains dedicated to
23 covering the people and events of Panhandle, White Deer, and
24 surrounding areas, and the paper has expanded its reach through

1 online subscriptions and social media; and

2 WHEREAS, Throughout its history, the *Panhandle Herald* has
3 provided valuable local reportage to its readership, and it is
4 indeed a pleasure to honor this esteemed newspaper for the high
5 regard it has enjoyed in its community during the past 13 decades;
6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
8 Legislature hereby commemorate the 130th anniversary of the
9 *Panhandle Herald* and extend to all those associated with the
10 newspaper sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for the *Panhandle Herald* as an expression of high regard by
14 the Texas House of Representatives.