

By: Gonzales of Williamson

H.R. No. 704

R E S O L U T I O N

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

3           WHEREAS, Launched in 2005 by John and Jennifer Garrett, the  
4 paper initially covered Round Rock and Pflugerville; it now  
5 publishes 22 hyperlocal monthly editions in the Austin, Houston,  
6 and Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan areas, reaching more than 1.7  
7 million households and businesses; according to *Inc.* magazine, it  
8 ranks as the state's fastest-growing news organization; and

9           WHEREAS, The newspaper remains independently owned and  
10 locally operated, with a staff that has grown to include more than  
11 180 employees; between 2007 and 2016, the company received 106  
12 awards for outstanding journalism and advertising design from the  
13 National Newspaper Association, and it was named the 2015 Business  
14 of the Year by the Round Rock Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Garrett  
15 received the 2016 Media Award from the Texas School Public  
16 Relations Association, and in 2014, the Austin Chamber of Commerce  
17 presented him with the KPMG Executive Leadership Award; the *Austin*  
18 *Business Journal* selected him as the Best CEO in the Small Business  
19 category in 2014; and

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

24           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize March 23, 2017, as *Community Impact*  
2 *Newspaper Day* at the State Capitol and extend to the publishers and  
3 staff sincere best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable event.