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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, *The Galveston County Daily News* is marking its 175th  
2 anniversary in 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, The oldest continuously published newspaper in  
4 Texas, *The Daily News* was founded by George H. French, who printed  
5 the first edition on April 11, 1842; Willard Richardson took on the  
6 role of editor in 1844 and acquired sole ownership the following  
7 year; under his leadership, the paper became a major voice in the  
8 Republic of Texas and, later, a critic of the policies of Sam  
9 Houston as both governor of Texas and United States senator; and

10 WHEREAS, During the Civil War, the federal blockade of  
11 Galveston prompted a move to Houston, but publication returned to  
12 the island in 1866; Alfred Horatio Belo, a member of *The Daily News*  
13 staff, had become the principal owner by 1875, and he installed the  
14 state's first telephone line between his home and the newspaper  
15 office; in 1885, he established the *Dallas Morning News* as a sister  
16 paper; and

17 WHEREAS, The newspaper was held for many years by the Moody  
18 family of Galveston before its sale to Olveta Culp Hobby, whose  
19 family then owned the *Houston Post*; in 1967, *The Daily News* was  
20 purchased by Galveston Newspapers Incorporated and the family of  
21 B. Carmage Walls; today, the newspaper continues its proud  
22 tradition of family ownership under Lissa Walls, the daughter of  
23 B. Carmage Walls; reflecting its expanding coverage of the area,  
24 the paper adopted the name *The Galveston County Daily News* in 1993;

1 it became one of the first papers in the state to publish online  
2 when it launched a web edition on December 25, 1995; *The Daily News*  
3 further extended its reach by merging with the *Texas City Sun* in  
4 2004 and developing *Coast Monthly* magazine for the Upper Gulf  
5 Coast; and

6 WHEREAS, Since the days of the Republic of Texas, *The*  
7 *Galveston County Daily News* has informed and enlightened the  
8 citizenry, earning a place among the finest newspapers in the Lone  
9 Star State, and its long history is a testament to the vital role it  
10 plays in the Galveston community and beyond; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby commemorate the 175th anniversary of *The*  
13 *Galveston County Daily News* and extend to all those associated with  
14 this venerable publication sincere best wishes for continued  
15 success; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for the newspaper as an expression of high regard by the  
18 Texas House of Representatives.