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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The *Herald-Banner* of Greenville is celebrating the 150th anniversary of its founding in 2019, and this occasion offers a fitting opportunity to pay tribute to the rich history of this venerable community newspaper; and

WHEREAS, Originally known as the *Herald*, the paper was founded by John C. Bayne in 1869, and the following year it merged with the *Morning Herald*, owned by the W. C. Poole family; in 1875, Mr. Bayne launched another weekly called the *Independent*, which was purchased in 1882 by J. F. Mitchell, who changed its name to the *Independent Banner*; two years later, new owner R. C. Dial began publishing the paper daily and renamed it the *Evening Banner*; and

WHEREAS, Between the late 1880s and early 1900s, the *Morning Herald* and the *Evening Banner* coexisted and grew with the booming region; in 1954, the Harte-Hanks Newspapers company purchased the *Evening Banner*, prompting a fierce crosstown competition between Greenville's two major print publications; the *Evening Banner*'s owners bought the *Morning Herald* in 1956, and the two papers merged to create the *Herald-Banner*; since 2000, the *Herald-Banner* has been owned by CNHI, a network of 114 daily and weekly newspapers in 22 states; and

WHEREAS, Serving as both a written record of the region's history and a voice for its readers, the *Herald-Banner* has been a vital community resource for 15 decades, keeping the residents of Greenville and Hunt County informed and enlightened; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Greenville *Herald-Banner* and extend to its staff sincere best wishes for continued success in their important work; and, be it further

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