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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The *Herald-Banner* of Greenville is celebrating the  
2 150th anniversary of its founding in 2019, and this occasion offers  
3 a fitting opportunity to pay tribute to the rich history of this  
4 venerable community newspaper; and

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

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

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

1 therefore, be it

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

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