**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE *INDEX‑JOURNAL* NEWSPAPER IN GREENWOOD AND TO CONGRATULATE THE OWNERS, PUBLISHERS, AND STAFF FOR A CENTURY OF OUTSTANDING JOURNALISM IN THE GREENWOOD COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Greenwood’s *Index‑Journal* will celebrate its centennial anniversary throughout 2019, commemorating the living history of news in Greenwood, surrounding counties, and the world that the newspaper has provided for its readers; and

Whereas, founded on February 6, 1919, by Harry L. Watson, who was editor and publisher for more than fifty years, the *Index‑Journal* has always been owned by Greenwood families; and

Whereas, while its original offices were on the second floor above a movie theater on Maxwell Avenue, the printing press was on a dirt floor on the first level; and

Whereas, upon the death of Mr. Watson, his daughters inherited the paper, where they worked as writers. When the Watson sisters wanted to sell the business in 1957, they insisted it be sold to Greenwood residents; and

Whereas, three men bought the business, who had been employed by the newspaper for years: R. Frank Mundy, business manager; William W. Wilson, advertising director; and J. Ed Chaffin, editor; and

Whereas, the new owners agreed that upon the death of one, the survivors would have the option of buying the shares of the deceased. After Mr. Wilson and Mr. Chaffin died, Frank Mundy became the sole owner and publisher in 1977, until his death in 1982; and

Whereas, Mr. Mundy’s widow, Eleanor Metts Mundy, became publisher after her husband, and their only child, Judith Mundy Burns, was named president. In 1998, Ms. Burns became publisher as well after her mother’s death and holds both positions today; and

Whereas, two of Ms. Burns’ daughters work at the paper: St. Claire Burns Donaghy, a staff writer, and Eleanor Mundy Burns Price, director of community relations and overseer of the hyper‑local weekly newspaper, Lakelands Connector, and SO Lakelands; and

Whereas, only three of the sixteen daily newspapers in the Palmetto State are family‑owned. The other thirteen, owned by large media corporations, have corporate headquarters outside of the State; and

Whereas, publishing seven mornings a week, the *Index‑Journal* publishes with the assistance of more than fifty full‑ and part‑time staff dedicated to keeping area readers informed; and

Whereas, the online component, indexjournal.com, is updated with breaking news continually, and newsroom staff members frequently post news updates on social media. In addition to the daily printed newspaper, the Index‑Journal Company publishes the Index Journal Website, *Money Pages* magazine, Lakelands Connector, and SO Lakelands; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives values the earnest commitment of the owners, publishers, and staff of the *Index‑Journal* to provide meaningful and vital coverage of local, state, national, and world news to the Greenwood community. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That he members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the *Index‑Journal* newspaper in Greenwood and congratulate the owners, publishers, and staff for a century of outstanding journalism in the Greenwood community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Richard S. Whiting, executive editor of the *Index‑Journal*.

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