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A senate RESOLUTION

TO CONGRATULATE The twin-city news UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS one hundredth ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND the twin-city news FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE batesburg-leesville COMMUNITY AND THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize The Twin‑City News as it celebrates this important milestone; and

Whereas, The Twin‑City News is a weekly newspaper serving the Batesburg‑Leesville community. Established in 1925, The Twin‑City News is the oldest continuously operating business in Batesburg‑Leesville; and

Whereas, The Twin‑City News primarily covers local news, as well as news from nearby areas such as Gilbert and Monetta, with minimal national or international coverage; and

Whereas, Sara and Douglas Bruner were the original owners of The Twin‑City News. The paper is considered Batesburg‑Leesville's oldest continuously operating business; and

Whereas, in July 2014, the grandson of Sara and Douglas, Trey Bruner, and his wife, Leah, took over ownership of the paper. In September 2014, the first paper under Trey and Leah's leadership was printed. Leah became editor and layout designer of the paper from 2014 until 2021. Theresa Shealy, office manager of the paper, was a vital employee and worked for over fifty years for the Bruner family before retiring in January 2024; and

Whereas, in 2014, The Twin‑City News won the Batesburg‑Leesville Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Award. Recently, the newspaper was awarded the first place Community Service Award for 2024 from the S.C. Press Association for coverage during Hurricane Helene; and

Whereas, in January 2024, The Twin‑City News acquired the Saluda Standard Sentinel in neighboring Saluda County. Today, the newspaper prints weekly and offers the printed edition as well as an e‑edition, which was instituted in December 2014; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate greatly appreciate the dedication and commitment of The Twin‑City News staff to serving the people and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate The Twin‑City News upon the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary and commend The Twin‑City News for its many years of dedicated service to the Batesburg‑Leesville community and the people and the State of South Carolina.

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