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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that the News-Progress will celebrate its 25th year of publishing in 2006; and

WHEREAS, The News-Progress came into its current incarnation in 1981, but its origins go back as far as September 12, 1857, with the establishment of the Sullivan Express under the direction of Editor and Publisher, James D. Moudy, becoming the first newspaper published within the borders of Moultrie County; the Sullivan Express would give way to the Sullivan Democrat and eventually to the Sullivan Progress; and

WHEREAS, The Moultrie County News began in 1884 by J. H. Dunscomb under the name the Sullivan News; Bob and Marion Best purchased the Moultrie County News in October 1961; the Bests purchased the Bethany Echo and the Findlay Enterprise in 1973, and then added the Sullivan Progress and Lovington Reporter in 1979; and

WHEREAS, These newspapers were combined in 1981 into the twice weekly News-Progress and became the only newspaper published within Moultrie County; in January 1996, the News-Progress returned to its current format of once-a-week publication; and

WHEREAS, The News-Progress and its predecessors have earned more than 175 awards from its peers in national, state, and regional contests over the past 37 years; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the 25th anniversary of the founding of the News-Progress and the 149 year history that brought about this

1 newspaper; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the News-Progress as an expression of our esteem
4 and gratitude.