

2016 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 106

Commending Tim Davis.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 15, 2016

Agreed to by the Senate, January 21, 2016

WHEREAS, Tim Davis, who has led the Chatham *Star-Tribune* newspaper with responsibility and diligence for 25 years as an award-winning editor and general manager, retired on July 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Tim Davis, who is a native of Chatham, began working at the former *Gazette* newspaper in Gretna and Hurt as a reporter and editor; in 1990, he was named to his post at the Chatham newspaper; and

WHEREAS, Tim Davis's responsibilities also included serving as editorial director for 15 community newspapers in Virginia and North Carolina that are owned by Womack Publishing Company Inc., parent company of the *Star-Tribune*; and

WHEREAS, during Tim Davis's tenure, the *Star-Tribune* expanded and evolved as technology and reading habits changed; the newspaper became a regional publication covering Danville and Pittsylvania County, and he also oversaw the establishment of a popular weekly sports section; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Tim Davis supervised the development of the *Star Tribune*'s many specialty publications, including the annual Progress Edition and a full-color *Discover Southside* magazine; and

WHEREAS, Tim Davis also spearheaded the *Star-Tribune*'s move into digital journalism as the newspaper developed a website, social media presence, and began production of an online edition; and

WHEREAS, for Tim Davis, working for a weekly newspaper was one of the best jobs in journalism; he wrote about local government and politics for more than two decades, adroitly covering contentious issues that frequently generated passionate discourse; and

WHEREAS, many honors and accolades were given to the *Star-Tribune* and to Tim Davis during his three decades as a journalist and editor; he was honored by the Virginia Press Association for his writing, photography, and page design skills; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Tim Davis for his many years of service to the people of Chatham and Pittsylvania County as editor and general manager of the Chatham *Star-Tribune*; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Tim Davis as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for his leadership, commitment to weekly journalism, and dedication to his community.

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