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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1068

Offered February 18, 2019

Commending the Chatham Star-Tribune.

Patrons—Adams, L.R., Marshall and Poindexter; Senators: Ruff and Stanley

WHEREAS, the *Chatham Star-Tribune*, a family-owned community newspaper serving the City of Danville and Pittsylvania County, is celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the *Star-Tribune* was founded in 1869 and has been owned by members of the Womack family since 1969; and

WHEREAS, through the years, dedicated and talented editors and reporters of the *Star-Tribune* have served the community by telling the stories of what makes Danville and Pittsylvania County remarkable; and

WHEREAS, the *Star-Tribune*, which has over 25,000 readers each week, is published every Wednesday, covering Danville; Pittsylvania County; the Towns of Chatham, Gretna, and Hurt; and the communities of Ringgold, Sutherlin, Brosville, Cascade, Mount Hermon, Dry Fork, Callands, Sandy Level, Renan, Blairs, Climax, and Long Island; and

WHEREAS, the *Star-Tribune* includes news and pictures about local government, crime, courts, public records, weddings and engagements, church services, social activities, high school and youth sports, and community events and activities; and

WHEREAS, each week, sponsors of the *Star-Tribune* feature a variety of advertisers, including local supermarkets, retail stores, hospitals and health organizations, and other businesses and professionals; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the *Star-Tribune* is to be a written and visual record of what makes the Danville and Pittsylvania County community special; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the *Chatham Star-Tribune* on the occasion of its 150th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bobbye Raye Womack, owner of the *Chatham Star-Tribune*, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the newspaper's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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