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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 381

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Commending the Loudoun Times-Mirror.

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WHEREAS, the Loudoun Times-Mirror traces its ancestry to the True American, which began publishing two centuries ago, in 1798; and

WHEREAS, from the True American through the Chronicle, the Observer, the Mirror, the Times, and, in 1925, the Times-Mirror, the newspaper has faithfully reported on and reflected the rapidly changing face of Loudoun County; and

WHEREAS, over its 200 years, the Loudoun Times-Mirror has survived blizzards, tornadoes, presidential elections, wars, and hundreds of local controversies to stand today as Loudoun's most respected source of news; and

WHEREAS, in its early days, the paper covered such stories as the infamous duel between two of Loudoun County's most prominent citizens, General Armistead T. Mason and Colonel John Mason McCarty; and

WHEREAS, later in the 19th century, the coverage was a combination of local (marriages, deaths, tragedies), state (General Assembly deliberations), national (Congressional proceedings), and international (European affairs); and

WHEREAS, by the early 20th century, the Times-Mirror's coverage expanded county-wide, reporting local events from Waterford, Lincoln, Sterling Park, and Purcellville, as well as Leesburg; and

WHEREAS, at about the same time as the opening of Dulles Airport was transforming Loudoun and providing the impetus for explosive growth, the Loudoun Times-Mirror was transforming itself with a new building, expanded staff, and modern technology; and

WHEREAS, the improvements to the newspaper were well timed, as Loudoun County's population growth rate is now the highest in the Commonwealth, and the Times-Mirror now serves a county with over 130,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, through wars, tragedies, and hundreds of elections; through athletic victories and school openings; through births, deaths, marriages, and funerals; and for generations of Loudoun County citizens, the Loudoun Times-Mirror has been the consistent voice of the county for 200 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend and congratulate the Loudoun Times-Mirror on the occasion of its bicentennial; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Martin Casey, editor of the Loudoun Times-Mirror, as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for the paper's 200-year history of service to the citizens of Loudoun County.

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