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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Pike Press; and

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WHEREAS, The Pike Press began in 1842 with the first newspaper in Pike County, The Sucker and Farmers Record; and

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WHEREAS, The paper's name was changed to The Whig Free Press in 1846, which was owned and edited by John Nicolay from 1849 to 1856; the name was changed to the Pike County Journal in 1860, in which, Nicolay, one of Abraham Lincoln's three private secretaries from Pike County, wrote his editorial endorsement of Abraham Lincoln for president in February of 1960; in March of 1868, the paper became The Old Flag; in 1893, the paper was renamed The Pike County Republican; finally, in 1968 it became The Pike Press; and

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WHEREAS, The Pike Press is celebrating its 175th anniversary with the June 7 edition of the paper by offering full page ads for the bargain price of \$175 for that issue; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

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1 recognize the 175th anniversary of the Pike Press, and we wish  
2 it many more wonderful years; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to the Pike Press as a symbol of our respect and  
5 esteem.