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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION WHEREAS, The Greenville Advocate is the oldest continuous 2 3 business in Bond County; and WHEREAS, The first issue of the Greenville Advocate was 4 published by Jediah F. Alexander on February 11, 1858; and 5 6 WHEREAS, The newspaper was founded to take a stand for the 7 preservation of the Union and in support of the candidacy of 8 Abraham Lincoln for the United States Senate; and 9 WHEREAS, Jediah F. Alexander was a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln and was the first of ten editors the newspaper 10 11 has had in its 150 years; and 12 WHEREAS, The Greenville Advocate is one of the oldest newspapers in Illinois publishing under its original name; and 13 WHEREAS, The late Duane Reeves, a former editor, was a 14 second generation publisher of the newspaper; and 15 16 WHEREAS, The newspaper is owned by Duane's son, Richard, and Ronda Reeves, with Richard being The Greenville Advocate's 17 18 only third-generation publisher; and

1 WHEREAS, The Greenville Advocate is a bi-weekly newspaper

- 2 that serves all of Bond County; therefore, be it
- 3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 4 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 5 congratulate the staff of The Greenville Advocate and the
- 6 Reeves family on the occasion of the newspaper's 150th
- 7 anniversary and wish them continued success in the future; and
- 8 be it further
- 9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be given
- 10 to the Reeves family as a symbol of our esteem and respect.