

House Resolution 1185

By: Representatives Sholar of the 141st, Post 1, Broome of the 141st, Post 2, Porter of the 119th, Coleman of the 118th, and Smyre of the 111th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending *The Cairo Messenger* on the occasion of its 100th birthday
2 and second century of publication and five generations of Wind family ownership; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, before there was a Grady County or electric lights in Cairo and back when
5 Cairo was in Thomas County and Whigham in Decatur County, there was *The Cairo*
6 *Messenger*; and

7 WHEREAS, established in January of 1904 by B.W. Adkins and E.G. Kolbie, the paper's
8 first edition was published on Friday, January 15; and

9 WHEREAS, in April, 2004, the Wind family will celebrate its 100th anniversary of
10 ownership and operation and the day Fuller John Wind purchased B.W. Adkins's interest in
11 the newspaper, which was followed four months later by Wind's purchase of E.G. Kolbie's
12 interest; and

13 WHEREAS, since that time, the newspaper has been owned and operated by Fuller John
14 Wind and his descendants for five generations; and

15 WHEREAS, upon the death of Fuller John Wind in September, 1922, his son, Herbert
16 Hamilton Wind, Sr., assumed the title of editor, a position he held until his death in August,
17 1957; and

18 WHEREAS, Robert E. Wind, Sr., and Herbert Hamilton Wind, Jr., were the third generation
19 of Winds to publish the paper; and

20 WHEREAS, Robert H. Wind, who joined the firm in 1964, and Herbert W. Wind, who
21 became associated with the firm in 1965, both sons of H.H. Wind, Jr., make up the fourth
22 generation of Winds to operate the community newspaper; and

1 WHEREAS, the fifth generation of Winds to manage the newspaper and publishing company
2 is composed of Randolph H. Wind, who joined the firm in 1988, and Herbert S. Wind, who
3 joined in 1989; and

4 WHEREAS, the winner of numerous newspaper contest awards, *The Cairo Messenger* is the
5 oldest family owned business in Grady County; and

6 WHEREAS, the Wind family have been active participants in civic affairs and the local
7 Democratic party for five generations with the late editor, H. H. Wind, Sr., serving in the
8 Georgia House of Representatives.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
10 this body recognizes and commends *The Cairo Messenger* on the occasion of its 100th
11 birthday and second century of publication and the five generations of Wind family members
12 who have so faithfully directed it.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
14 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to *The Cairo Messenger* and
15 the Wind family.