

House Resolution 1021

By: Representative Greene of the 151st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and *Miller County Liberal* on the occasion of its 125th anniversary and
2 commending its current owner, George Terry Toole; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, this year, the *Miller County Liberal* celebrates the 125th anniversary of its
4 founding, and under the guiding hand of its current owner, George Terry Toole, editor
5 Wanda Griffin, and with the exemplary work ethic demonstrated daily by its dedicated
6 employees, this outstanding publication has grown from its humble beginnings in September,
7 1897, to become one of the leading newspapers in Colquitt, Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, Zula Brown founded the *Miller County Liberal* after saving \$200.00 from her
9 teacher's salary to purchase a press and then rode a bicycle throughout the area to collect the
10 500 signatures necessary to secure a newspaper franchise; she is believed to be the first
11 successful female founder and owner of a weekly newspaper in this state; and

12 WHEREAS, throughout the years, the *Miller County Liberal* has belonged to the descendants
13 of Zula Brown (later Zula Brown Toole), including her son-in-law who took over publishing
14 duties and served as editor and publisher until 1976 when her grandson, George Terry Toole,
15 took over the family owned paper; and

16 WHEREAS, this remarkable publication is the legal organ of Miller County and has
17 established a glowing reputation of renown throughout Georgia for its ability to
18 accommodate changes in the newspaper industry, and it continues to meet the diversified
19 needs of its customers with friendly professionalism and customer-centric service; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
21 extraordinary publication and its owner be appropriately recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE that
23 the members of this body recognize the *Miller County Liberal* on the occasion of its 125th
24 anniversary; commend its current owner, George Terry Toole; extend gratitude for the
25 paper's many outstanding contributions on behalf of the citizens of Georgia, and offer best
26 wishes for continued growth, development, and success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 *Miller County Liberal* and George Terry Toole.