

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 538

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to recognize Trannon and Sarah Goble of *The Watertown Express*.

WHEREAS, it is our privilege to recognize those media outlets that serve their communities through a commitment to reporting local news and events with thoroughness and veracity; and

WHEREAS, *The Watertown Express* was launched in August 2022 by Trannon Lee Goble, who had the idea to start a newspaper in Watertown in May of that year and acquired a business license the following month; and

WHEREAS, prior to moving to Watertown in 2021, Mr. Goble worked as a manager and editor for *The Chatsworth Times*; and

WHEREAS, *The Watertown Express* publishes two editions per month and covers thirteen communities, including Watertown, Lebanon, Alexandria, Shop Springs, Norene, Milton, Dowelltown, Liberty, Statesville, Commerce, Auburntown, and Lascassas; the paper recently expanded drop locations into Mt. Juliet; and

WHEREAS, Trannon Goble serves as editor and general manager, and his wife, Sarah, is the de facto manager; they share the duties of writing stories, covering events, designing and putting the paper together, and delivering it; and

WHEREAS, the newly minted newspaper focuses on promoting local businesses, schools, sports, churches, and government; and

WHEREAS, Trannon and Sarah Goble's commitment to serving their community is further evidenced through their involvement with Round Lick Baptist Church and the East Wilson/Watertown Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, outside of their work at the newspaper, Mr. Goble works in a supervisory role at Under Armour in Mt. Juliet, and Mrs. Goble owns Sarah's Skin Care, located on the Square in Watertown; and

WHEREAS, their many accomplishments aside, the Gobles are most grateful for their children, Sydric, Eva, Elliot, Enoch, Victoria, and Ethan; and

WHEREAS, after less than a year in print, *The Watertown Express* is off to an auspicious start, continuing the community service and legacy of Lounita Howard, who inspired the Gobles through her work with *The Edge* newspaper; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we recognize this burgeoning news outlet and its devoted stewards at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend Trannon and Sarah Goble for their contributions to their community through *The Watertown Express*, extending our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.