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Whereas, the "Rising Sun" was established on November 16, 1833, by Isaac Stevens. His goal for the paper was to give opinions that made readers think, while not getting too involved in politics;

Whereas, at its inception, the Rising Sun newspaper focused primarily on international and national news with some local news consisting mainly of one page social gossip;

Whereas, one of the first news items covered was the occurrence of a "shower of luminous meteors" that streamed through the sky above Rising Sun. This event caused great fear among the townspeople who had never before seen such a display;

Whereas, beginning in the 1900's, with editor F. J. Waldo, local news stories became more frequent. Mr. Waldo had a good sense of humor, but was also very opinionated. He began to speak out about numerous issues and printed the first political cartoon on November 19, 1904;

Whereas, Mr. Waldo boosted paper sales by implementing local contests with cash prizes. He also began including advertisements aimed at the feminine reader;

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Whereas, with the introduction of radio, news reels and television, international and national news became more readily available to the general public. As a result, the Rising Sun Recorder began focusing almost entirely on local events and issues; and

Whereas, although television news has impacted the circulation of daily newspapers, the Rising Sun Recorder has flourished during these changes by keeping the local readers up-to-date on the Ohio County community. The paper was purchased by Gene and Dale McCann in 1971 and they have been responsible for the continued circulation of the area's four weekly publications: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the
- 2 175th anniversary of the Rising Sun Recorder.
- 3 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 4 transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Rising Sun Recorder.

