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GPO PUBLISHES FIRST CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON NEW DIGITAL INKJET PRESSES

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) has published the first complete Congressional Record using digital inkjet presses. This achievement occurred on the anniversary of another major milestone for the agency. On March 5, 1873, using hand-set type, GPO published the first issue of the Congressional Record, detailing House and Senate proceedings from the prior legislative day. Today, 147 years later, the agency produced this same document on digital presses that automate work flow from start to finish.

“I congratulate the GPO team on publishing the first complete Congressional Record on our new digital inkjet presses,” said GPO Director Hugh Nathaniel Halpern. “These presses are an investment in GPO’s future and our ability to provide exceptional customer service. They vastly enhance our flexibility to meet our customers’ needs for both large and small jobs.”

GPO acquired six new digital inkjet presses in November 2019. The digital presses will streamline production and allow the agency to automate the work flow from the start of a project to final publication. Along with providing high-speed automated printing, these digital print machines also offer real-time data for operational accountability. The new presses are faster, more reliable, and more cost-efficient than the previous equipment. The agency will also reduce its paper waste, which will drop to as low as 2%, with the implementation of the new ink jet presses.

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