

Founders of lighthouse society honored

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Guy and Alice Towers, the founders of the Saint George Reef Lighthouse Preservation Society, received a proclamation from the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors on Nov. 9.

The Saint George Lighthouse is located six miles off the coast of Crescent City and was built as a result of the sinking of the coastal steamer Brother Jonathan in July 1865, resulting in the death of several hundred.

According to the proclamation, both Guy and Alice have worked towards the preservation of the lighthouse for 35 years and helped with the nomination of the lighthouse to the National Registrar of Historic Places.

Guy, with the help of his wife Alice, also published a book in 2015 about the history and preservation efforts titled ‘Saint George Reef Lighthouse - Images of America.’

“That lighthouse is extremely important and has historical and spiritual significance,” said Guy Towers. He then turned to members of the preservation society and his wife, thanking them for their support.

“I want to thank my wife,” Guy Towers said. “I told her I would not accept an honor without her because I never could have done this without her, and her thousands of hours of sitting at fundraisers, dinners with the

group, and on and on.”