

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 375**

**WHEREAS,** McMurry University in Abilene is marking its 100th anniversary in 2023; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1921, Bishop William Fletcher McMurry appointed Dr. J. W. Hunt to establish a new Methodist college, and in 1923, McMurry College held its first classes with an enrollment of 200 students; by 1926, the campus included an administration building and two dormitories, and a dining hall was added in 1947, followed by an auditorium in 1951; over the years, the campus has continued to grow, and a number of new facilities have been constructed, including a stadium, additional dormitories, classroom buildings, a band hall, a fine arts building, and a welcome center; in 1990, the institution became McMurry University; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, McMurry University serves more than 1,200 students and offers associate's, baccalaureate, and master's degrees in more than 40 areas of study; founded on Christian principles, the school challenges students to examine the world from multiple perspectives in preparation for lives of leadership, service, and professional success; and

**WHEREAS,** Since its inception, McMurry University has provided its students with an education that has enriched them both academically and personally, and in so doing, it has made important contributions to Texas and the world beyond; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby commemorate the centennial of McMurry

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University and extend to all those associated with the institution sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for McMurry University as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 3, 2023.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate