

By: Perry

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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
24 hereby commemorate the centennial of McMurry University and extend

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

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for McMurry University as an expression of high regard by
5 the Texas Senate.