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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas Christian University is celebrating its 150th  
2 anniversary in 2023; and

3 WHEREAS, TCU was founded in 1873 in Thorp Spring by brothers  
4 Addison and Randolph Clark, ministers and teachers from nearby Fort  
5 Worth; they welcomed 13 students to Add-Ran Male and Female  
6 College, and within five years, enrollment reached 450; after  
7 affiliating with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the  
8 institution became known as Add-Ran Christian University, and in  
9 1895, it moved to Waco; the school soon chose a mascot, the horned  
10 frog, and its colors, purple and white; it adopted its present-day  
11 name in 1902; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1910, a major fire destroyed the main building  
13 and badly damaged other facilities; in the wake of that disaster,  
14 the college accepted Fort Worth's offer of 50 acres and \$200,000 to  
15 relocate to the city; on its new campus, the institution  
16 flourished, and the end of World War II marked the beginning of a  
17 long period of significant growth; TCU purchased an adjoining  
18 106-acre golf course and by 1965, it had added more than 25  
19 buildings; gaining stature, it toughened entrance requirements,  
20 expanded advanced study offerings, and approved Ph.D. programs; and

21 WHEREAS, TCU has continued its rise in the 21st century,  
22 opening the Campus Commons, including the Brown-Lupton University  
23 Union, and establishing the John V. Roach Honors College; Anne  
24 Burnett Marion School of Medicine, Fort Worth's M.D. school, has an

1 enrollment of 240 and will graduate its first class in 2023;  
2 moreover the endowment has passed the \$2 billion mark, and  
3 enrollment today is approximately 12,000; and

4       WHEREAS, Through the years, TCU has gained a reputation for  
5 academic excellence, strong traditions, a vibrant student  
6 experience, campus culture, and Greek life, and ardent support for  
7 student-athletes, who have achieved high recognition; the Horned  
8 Frogs have been particularly dominant in baseball, making five  
9 College World Series appearances in the past 13 years, as well as in  
10 equestrian events, tennis, and women's soccer, among other sports;  
11 the 2022 football team became the first team in Texas to earn the  
12 opportunity to compete for the national championship in the College  
13 Football Playoff; since 2010, the TCU rifle team has won three  
14 national championships, and it is the only all-female team to win a  
15 national title in this coed sport; the men's basketball team has  
16 made three NCAA tournament appearances in the last six seasons; and

17       WHEREAS, Today, TCU is a world-class, values-centered  
18 private university, comprised of nine schools and colleges, and it  
19 has a legacy of creating leaders who shape and improve the world for  
20 the greater good; it offers an unmatched student experience and  
21 academic environment to students from diverse backgrounds from Fort  
22 Worth, the state of Texas, and across the globe; and

23       WHEREAS, TCU students, faculty, and staff offer valuable  
24 research, scholarly activity, artistic and cultural assets, a  
25 diverse array of talent, and significant economic benefit to the  
26 region and state; the rich history of Texas Christian University is  
27 a source of tremendous pride to its network of more than 100,000

1 alumni around the world, and this outstanding institution is sure  
2 to continue to build on this foundation of excellence in the years  
3 to come; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby commemorate the 150th anniversary of Texas  
6 Christian University and extend to the TCU community sincere best  
7 wishes for a memorable and meaningful celebration; and, be it  
8 further

9         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for the university as an expression of high regard by the  
11 Texas House of Representatives.