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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Baylor College of Medicine in 2025 is marking the
2 125th anniversary of its founding; and

3 WHEREAS, Founded in 1900 by a group of physicians in Dallas,
4 the school was originally named the University of Dallas Medical
5 Department; three years later, the school became affiliated with
6 Baylor University in Waco and was renamed Baylor University College
7 of Medicine; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1943, the MD Anderson Foundation invited Baylor
9 University College of Medicine to join the Texas Medical Center in
10 Houston, and the school opened with 131 students; four years later,
11 Baylor moved to its present site in the Roy and Lillie Cullen
12 Building, which is now a state-designated historical landmark; and

13 WHEREAS, The college became an independent institution in
14 1969, which allowed it access to federal research funding, and
15 changed its name to Baylor College of Medicine; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, Baylor College of Medicine is one of the top
17 medical research institutions in the nation; it consists of the
18 School of Medicine, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, School
19 of Health Professions, and National School of Tropical Medicine;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Baylor College of Medicine ranks first in Texas and
22 20th in the country in funding from the National Institutes of
23 Health, and it is classified as a Tier One medical school by *U.S.*
24 *News & World Report*; and

1 WHEREAS, Baylor College of Medicine is committed to the
2 education of the next generation of health care providers and
3 scientists and to ensuring there are enough medical professionals
4 to serve the state's residents, with nearly half of the graduating
5 medical students continuing their medical training in Texas; in
6 2023, the inaugural class of medical students started at Baylor's
7 regional medical school campus in Temple, in a partnership with
8 Baylor Scott & White Health to address the state's shortage of rural
9 caregivers, and 92 percent of that class consists of students from
10 Texas; and

11 WHEREAS, At the forefront of basic and translational science,
12 Baylor College of Medicine contributes significantly to the
13 understanding of diseases in humans and beyond, with the goal of
14 discovering how diseases develop and finding treatments and cures
15 for them; this distinguished work includes pioneering the field of
16 cardiovascular surgery, which today extends to serving as a leader
17 in the area of robotic heart surgery; the college also plays a major
18 role in sequencing the human genome, developing the field of
19 molecular endocrinology, and innovating lifesaving screening
20 techniques and a vaccine for a deadly disease in elephants; and

21 WHEREAS, Baylor College of Medicine serves the community
22 through excellent primary and specialty patient care, with its
23 physicians seeing patients at a number of Texas Medical Center
24 facilities, including Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center, Texas
25 Children's Hospital, the Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs
26 Medical Center, and Harris Health System; the college's physicians
27 also serve community health clinics in the Greater Houston area as

1 well as CHRISTUS Children's in San Antonio, and they further
2 benefit Texans through community outreach and volunteerism,
3 providing high-quality health care services and engaging in
4 initiatives to improve public health and well-being; and

5 WHEREAS, Baylor College of Medicine's work in the community
6 extends to K-12 education through the development of curriculum and
7 interactive teaching materials by the college's scientists and
8 educators for elementary and secondary school learners; the college
9 also offers training opportunities for local middle school and high
10 school science teachers, including at the Michael E. DeBakey High
11 School for Health Professions in Houston; through these free
12 programs, the college helps to promote science learning and develop
13 children's interest in STEM and medicine career pathways; and

14 WHEREAS, Baylor College of Medicine partners with a growing
15 number of schools and school districts across the state of Texas to
16 prepare youth for jobs in the health and biomedical workforce,
17 addressing shortages of professionals such as nurses, mental health
18 professionals, and clinical laboratory technicians; each year,
19 more than 3,000 Texas students participate in Baylor College of
20 Medicine-associated magnet school programs; and

21 WHEREAS, Dedicated to the advancement of high-quality,
22 ethical care in communities around the world, Baylor College of
23 Medicine offers pediatric and family-centered services in the areas
24 of HIV/AIDS, cancer, maternal health, and orthopedics, and it
25 provides training and technical assistance to health care
26 professionals, enhancing the quality of treatment in the regions
27 they serve; and

1 WHEREAS, For more than a century, Baylor College of Medicine
2 has been a resource of immeasurable value to the Lone Star State,
3 and during this milestone year, it is fitting to acknowledge its
4 longstanding commitment to improving health through science,
5 scholarship, and innovation; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commemorate the 125th anniversary of Baylor
8 College of Medicine and extend to all those associated with the
9 institution sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Baylor College of Medicine as an expression of high
13 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.