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H.R. No. 133

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2004 marks the 100th anniversary of the
2 Baylor Round Table, an exceptional organization that has enhanced
3 the lives of generations of Texas women; and

4 WHEREAS, Organized in 1904 by seven wives of Baylor faculty
5 members, the group adopted a study club format that reflected a
6 tradition of similar clubs of that era as a continuing education
7 avenue for women to benefit from intellectual pursuits; members
8 researched topics and wrote and presented papers on their findings,
9 volunteered with the Red Cross, and helped with wartime efforts;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Currently, President Judy Schmeltekopf leads the
12 300-woman club, whose membership now includes university faculty,
13 staff, and administrators, as well as wives of Baylor employees;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Today, the round table's focus has expanded to
16 include funding an annual scholarship for an outstanding female
17 student and hosting social events such as a Thanksgiving dinner for
18 international students and a Christmas luncheon featuring
19 serenades by Baylor music students; further, members assist
20 individuals new to the faculty as they settle into the close-knit
21 Baylor community; and

22 WHEREAS, Since 1904, the Baylor Round Table has been a
23 dependable source of support, camaraderie, and fellowship for
24 countless Texas women, and it is a distinct pleasure to join in

1 honoring the group on a significant milestone in its history; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
4 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate the members of
5 the Baylor Round Table on the joyous occasion of the club's
6 centennial and that all those involved be extended sincere best
7 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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