

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Abilene Christian University will celebrate its
2 100th year of educating students for Christian service and
3 leadership throughout the world in 2005-2006; and

4 WHEREAS, The world of higher education will salute this
5 well-known Christian university, founded in 1906 in Abilene, Texas,
6 on the occasion of its centennial year; and

7 WHEREAS, The early founders of ACU determined that it would
8 be an independent liberal arts college serving young people from
9 all walks of life; and

10 WHEREAS, The men and women who dedicated themselves to the
11 task of serving on the West Texas frontier include:

- 12 ● the 13 chairmen of the board of trustees who
13 faithfully volunteered their time and resources:
14 J. P. Sharp, pro tem (first meeting, November 3,
15 1906); T. G. Moore, 1906-1911; M. Zellner,
16 1911-1916; J. S. Arledge, 1916-1933; J. E. McKinzie,
17 1933-1936; W. H. Free, 1936-1942; E. D. Chambers,
18 1942-1943; J. B. Collins, 1943-1947; B. Sherrod,
19 1947-1967; Willard R. Paine, 1967-1974; Ray
20 McGlothlin, Jr., 1974-1984; H. Lynn Packer,
21 1984-1992; and Don Crisp, 1992 to the present;

- 22 ● the 10 presidents who have faced innumerable
23 challenges and triumphs: A. B. Barret, 1906-1908;
24 H. C. Darden, 1908-1909; R. L. Whiteside, 1909-1911;

1 James F. Cox, 1911, 1932-1940; Jesse P. Sewell,
2 1912-1924; Batsell Baxter, 1924-1932; Don H. Morris,
3 1940-1969; John C. Stevens, 1969-1981; William J.
4 Teague, 1981-1991; and Royce Money, 1991 to the
5 present, who has led the university to new heights
6 during his presidency since 1991;

- 7 ● the 14 chief academic officers who continually
8 advanced the standing of the university: A. B.
9 Barret, 1906-1908; H. C. Darden, 1908-1909; R. L.
10 Whiteside, 1909-1911; James F. Cox, 1911; Carl
11 Gardner, 1912-1914; Henry Eli Speck, 1914-1924;
12 James Franklin Cox, 1924-1931; Walter Harris Adams,
13 1932-1969; Bill J. Humble, 1969-1976; Edward Marcus
14 Brown, 1976-1982; C. G. Gray, 1982-1988; Royce
15 Money, 1988-1991; Dwain M. Hart, 1991-1996; and
16 Dwayne VanRheenen, 1996 to the present; and

- 17 ● the 12 chief financial officers who guided the
18 resources of the university with due diligence and
19 insight: A. B. Barret, 1906-1908; H. C. Darden,
20 1908-1909; R. L. Whiteside, 1909-1911; James F. Cox,
21 1911; Jesse P. Sewell, 1912-1924; Paul C. Witt,
22 1922-1924; L. G. Kennamer, 1924-1927; Clara Bishop,
23 1927-1928; Lawrence L. Smith, 1928-1969; Leo Dale
24 "Bill" Hilton, 1969-1992; Jack Rich, 1992-2000; and
25 Phil Schubert, 2000 to the present; and

26 WHEREAS, Nearly 90,000 alumni of the university live in every
27 state in our nation and in over 100 countries of the world and
28 include medical doctors, scientists, schoolteachers, school and

1 university administrators, business and professional leaders,
2 ministers and missionaries, public servants and elected officials,
3 lawyers and judges, Olympic heroes, professional athletes and
4 coaches, best-selling authors, award-winning journalists,
5 filmmakers, artists, designers, actors, and musicians, as well as a
6 Pulitzer Prize winning photographer; and

7 WHEREAS, ACU is a private university offering undergraduate,
8 graduate, and doctoral degrees; and

9 WHEREAS, The official Centennial Celebration year begins
10 August 22, 2005, and concludes September 11, 2006, and will have as
11 its theme "Called to Faith and Excellence"; and

12 WHEREAS, This exceptional institution of higher education
13 will continue to advance its strong dedication to the Christian
14 faith and the highest standards of academic excellence in its
15 second century; and

16 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the State of Texas
17 wishes to be one of the first entities in our state and nation to
18 officially recognize this special centennial anniversary of
19 Abilene Christian University; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
21 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, congratulate Abilene Christian
22 University on its 100th anniversary; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for the university as an expression of high regard by the
25 Texas House of Representatives.

Hunter
McReynolds

H.R. No. 259

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 259 was adopted by the House on August 19, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House