

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 included:

- 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, Nov. 3, 1906), T.  
15           G. Moore, 1906-11, M. Zellner, 1911-16, J. S.  
16           Arledge, 1916-33, J. E. McKinzie, 1933-36, W. H.  
17           Free, 1936-42, E. D. Chambers, 1942-43, J. B.  
18           Collins, 1943-47, B Sherrod, 1947-67, Willard R.  
19           Paine, 1967-74, Ray McGlothlin Jr., 1974-84, H. Lynn  
20           Packer, 1984-92, Don Crisp, 1992- to present.

- 21           ● the 10 presidents who have faced innumerable  
22           challenges and triumphs: A. B. Barret, 1906-08, H. C.  
23           Darden, 1908-09, R. L. Whiteside, 1909-11, James F.  
24           Cox, 1911; 1932-40, Jesse P. Sewell, 1912-24,

1           Batsell Baxter, 1924-32, Don H. Morris, 1940-69,  
2           John C. Stevens, 1969-81, William J. Teague,  
3           1981-91, and Royce Money, 1991- to present, who has  
4           led the university to new heights during his  
5           presidency since 1991.

- 6           ● the 14 chief academic officers who continually  
7           advanced the standing of the university: A. B.  
8           Barret, 1906-08, H. C. Darden, 1908-09, R. L.  
9           Whiteside, 1909-11, James F. Cox, 1911, Carl  
10          Gardner, 1912-14, Henry Eli Speck, 1914-24, James  
11          Franklin Cox, 1924-31, Walter Harris Adams, 1932-69,  
12          Bill J. Humble, 1969-76, Edward Marcus Brown,  
13          1976-82, C. G. Gray, 1982-88, Royce Money, 1988-91,  
14          Dwain M. Hart, 1991-96, Dwayne VanRheenen, 1996-to  
15          present.

- 16          ● the twelve chief financial officers who guided the  
17          resources of the university with due diligence and  
18          insight: A. B. Barret, 1906-08, H. C. Darden,  
19          1908-09, R. L. Whiteside, 1909-11, James F. Cox,  
20          1911, Jesse P. Sewell, 1912-24, Paul C. Witt,  
21          1922-24, L. G. Kennamer, 1924-27, Clara Bishop,  
22          1927-28, Lawrence L. Smith, 1928-69, Leo Dale "Bill"  
23          Hilton, 1969-92, Jack Rich, 1992-2000, Phil  
24          Schubert, 2000-to present; and

25           WHEREAS, Nearly 90,000 alumni of the university live in every  
26   state in our nation and in over 100 countries of the world, and  
27   include medical doctors, scientists, school teachers, 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 Texas wishes to be  
17 one of the first entities in our state and nation to officially  
18 recognize this special centennial anniversary of Abilene Christian  
19 University; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
21 Legislature congratulate Abilene Christian University on its 100th  
22 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.