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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Baylor College of Dentistry, formerly State Dental  
2 College, was founded on October 3, 1905, when it opened its doors to  
3 40 students in several rooms above a grocery store in downtown  
4 Dallas; and

5           WHEREAS, This private institution, originally chartered by  
6 the State of Texas, became a part of Baylor University in 1971 and  
7 eventually merged with The Texas A&M University System; one of the  
8 founding member schools of The Texas A&M University System Health  
9 Science Center, the college combines its long-standing emphasis on  
10 service with A&M's land-grant mission of service to all Texans; and

11           WHEREAS, Baylor College of Dentistry is the only dental  
12 school in North Texas, and it offers multiple degree programs,  
13 including a doctoral degree in dental surgery, a doctoral degree in  
14 biomedical sciences, and postdoctoral degrees in dental  
15 specialties; the college's Caruth School of Dental Hygiene also  
16 offers bachelor's and master's degree programs; and

17           WHEREAS, This esteemed college has graduated 8,000 dentists  
18 and dental hygienists since its founding, and has developed an  
19 international reputation for educating outstanding clinicians and  
20 for nurturing faculty-led research; more than half of the dentists  
21 currently practicing in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, and almost  
22 one-third of all dentists in the state are Baylor alumni; and

23           WHEREAS, The largest single oral health care provider in  
24 North Texas, the college is home to 10 dental and dental hygiene

1 clinics and several specialized patient-care centers; in addition,  
2 faculty, staff, and students annually provide educational  
3 programs, oral examinations, and oral screenings to 133,000  
4 schoolchildren, senior citizens, and community residents; and

5 WHEREAS, Baylor College of Dentistry serves as a resource for  
6 all citizens of Texas and is committed to promoting oral health as a  
7 key component of complete physical health; on the occasion of the  
8 school's centennial, it is most appropriate to recognize the  
9 contributions of current and former faculty, staff, and students of  
10 this notable institution; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby congratulate the Baylor College of Dentistry on  
13 its 100th anniversary and extend to all those associated with the  
14 school sincere best wishes for a memorable observance; and, be it  
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for the college as an expression of high regard by the  
18 Texas House of Representatives.