

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 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 teaching on the West Texas frontier included the 10  
12 presidents who have faced innumerable challenges and triumphs: A.  
13 B. Barrett, H. C. Darden, R. L. Whiteside, James F. Cox, Jesse  
14 Sewell, Batsell Baxter, Don H. Morris, John C. Stevens, William J.  
15 Teague, and Royce Money, who has led the university to new heights  
16 during his presidency since 1991; and

17           WHEREAS, Nearly 90,000 alumni of the university live in every  
18 state in our nation and in over 100 countries of the world, and  
19 include medical doctors, scientists, school teachers, school and  
20 university administrators, business and professional leaders,  
21 ministers and missionaries, public servants and elected officials,  
22 lawyers and judges, Olympic heroes, professional athletes and  
23 coaches, best-selling authors, award-winning journalists,  
24 filmmakers, artists, designers, actors, and musicians, as well as a

1 Pulitzer Prize winning photographer; and

2 WHEREAS, ACU is a private university offering undergraduate,  
3 graduate, and doctoral degrees; and

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

7 WHEREAS, This exceptional institution of higher education  
8 will continue to advance its strong dedication to the Christian  
9 faith and the highest standards of academic excellence in its  
10 second century; and

11 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of Texas wishes to be  
12 one of the first entities in our state and nation to officially  
13 recognize this special centennial anniversary of Abilene Christian  
14 University; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
16 Legislature congratulate Abilene Christian University on its 100th  
17 anniversary; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for the university as an expression of high regard by the  
20 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1836

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1836 was adopted by the House on May 27, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House