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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A group from Baylor University is visiting the State  
2 Capitol on February 19, 2009, and this occasion provides a fitting  
3 opportunity to pay tribute to the rich history of this notable  
4 institution; and

5           WHEREAS, Baylor University dates back to 1841, when 35  
6 delegates at the Union Baptist Association meeting accepted a  
7 proposal by the Reverend William Milton Tryon and State District  
8 Judge R. E. B. Baylor to create a Baptist university in Texas; the  
9 Texas Baptist Education Society later petitioned the Congress of  
10 the Republic of Texas, and, on February 1, 1845, an act was signed  
11 into law that officially established Baylor University; Reverend  
12 Tryon and Judge Baylor are regarded as the founders of the  
13 university, along with the Reverend James Huckins, who was the  
14 first Baptist missionary to Texas and the university's first  
15 full-time fund-raiser; each year in February, the Baylor University  
16 community hosts a Founders Day celebration to commemorate the  
17 anniversary of its charter; and

18           WHEREAS, Today, Baylor University is a nationally ranked  
19 liberal arts institution with a population of more than 14,000  
20 students working toward degrees in 145 areas of study; this private  
21 college is small enough to offer its students personal attention  
22 but large enough to feature Big 12 athletics programs and nearly 300  
23 student organizations; the university places special emphasis on  
24 community service, and students, faculty, and staff volunteer

1 countless hours in the Waco area; and

2           WHEREAS, For more than a century and a half, Baylor  
3 University has provided its students with an outstanding education  
4 and a solid foundation for future success and, in so doing, it has  
5 contributed to the continued progress of the Lone Star State; now,  
6 therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
8 Legislature hereby honor Baylor University and extend a warm  
9 welcome to the representatives from the university who are present  
10 in the State Capitol today; and, be it further

11           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Baylor University as an expression of high regard by  
13 the Texas House of Representatives.