

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 293

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join Texans across the state in celebrating February 27, 2013, as Baylor Day at the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Baylor University was established February 1, 1845, by an act of the Congress of the Republic of Texas; it is the oldest continually operating university in the state; and

WHEREAS, This private Christian university and nationally ranked research institution provides a vibrant campus community to some 15,000 students; it offers 144 undergraduate degrees, 77 graduate degrees, 33 doctoral degrees, and a juris doctor in addition to a wide array of preprofessional tracks and specialized academic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Baylor University is also home to a variety of exceptional athletic programs, and the 2011-2012 year has been widely recognized as the Year of the Bear; it was the only school in the nation to have a bowl-winning football team, an Elite Eight men's basketball team, and a Final Four women's basketball team; the women's basketball team won the national championship in a season that saw them record the nation's first 40-win season, and Robert Griffin III and Brittney Griner were named national players of the year; and

WHEREAS, The school's combination of interdisciplinary research and a faculty committed to teaching and scholarship have served to create an institution with an international reputation for educational excellence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Baylor University on its commitment to educating men and women for worldwide leadership and service and extend to its students, faculty, and staff best wishes for a memorable Baylor Day at the Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the university as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Birdwell, Hancock, Paxton,
Taylor, Watson

Member, Texas Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 27, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate