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H.R. No. 444

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Representatives of Baylor University are gathering  
2 in Austin on February 22, 2017, for Baylor Day at the Capitol; and

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

6           WHEREAS, This private Christian university and nationally  
7 ranked research institution provides a vibrant campus community for  
8 approximately 17,000 students; it offers 142 undergraduate  
9 degrees, 75 graduate degrees, 42 doctoral degrees, and a juris  
10 doctor in addition to a wide array of preprofessional tracks and  
11 specialized academic opportunities; and

12           WHEREAS, Baylor University's men's basketball team has become  
13 the number one team in the nation for the first time in the  
14 program's history, and its football team recently won the 2016  
15 Cactus Bowl; moreover, the women's basketball team has continued to  
16 prove its dominance, and it is currently ranked number two in the  
17 country; and

18           WHEREAS, With a median grade point average of 3.27 across the  
19 entire athletic department during the fall 2016 semester, Baylor  
20 athletics extends its run to 17 consecutive semesters with a  
21 cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher; additionally, 137 students were  
22 named to the Dean's List and 307 students were recognized on the Big  
23 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll for the semester; and

24           WHEREAS, The school's outstanding academic and athletic

1 programs, combined with a faculty dedicated to teaching and  
2 scholarship, have served to create an institution with an  
3 international reputation for educational excellence, and it is  
4 indeed a pleasure to join in recognizing Baylor University for its  
5 myriad achievements; now, therefore, be it

6       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby recognize February 22, 2017, as Baylor Day at  
8 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
9 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.