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H.R. No. 303

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Representatives of Baylor University are gathering
2 in Austin on February 12, 2019, 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, In 2018, the university launched an ambitious
13 academic strategic plan titled "Illuminate" to place Baylor on the
14 path toward becoming the state's next tier one research institution
15 while maintaining its historic Texas Baptist roots and focusing on
16 such critical areas as health, materials science, data sciences,
17 human flourishing and ethics, and Latin America; and

18 WHEREAS, Baylor University is also home to a variety of
19 exceptional athletic programs; its football team recently won the
20 2018 Texas Bowl, and the women's basketball team continued its
21 dominance with its eighth consecutive sweep of regular season and
22 conference tournament titles while reaching the NCAA tournament; in
23 addition, the acrobatics and tumbling team won its fourth straight
24 NCATA national title; and

1 WHEREAS, Baylor athletics has led the Big 12 with its
2 graduation success rate over the past four years, and during the
3 spring 2018 semester, the department extended its run to 20
4 consecutive semesters with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher;
5 moreover, student athletes have dedicated more than 1,500 volunteer
6 hours to serving the Waco community; and

7 WHEREAS, The school's outstanding academic and athletic
8 programs, combined with a faculty dedicated to teaching and
9 scholarship, have served to create an institution with an
10 international reputation for educational excellence, and it is
11 indeed a pleasure to join in recognizing Baylor University for its
12 myriad achievements; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
14 Legislature hereby recognize February 12, 2019, as Baylor Day at
15 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
16 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.