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Honoring Abilene Christian University on it's 100th Anniversary.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE (for himself and Mr. NEUGEBAUER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

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Anniversary.

Whereas it is the sense of the House of Representatives to recognize and commend those American universities which have achieved world renown and brought pride and honor to our Nation through their traditions of academic excellence;

Whereas attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, the House of Representatives is justly proud to honor Abilene Christian University upon the occasion of its 100th Anniversary;

Whereas Abilene Christian University is recognizing their official Centennial Celebration from August 22, 2005, through September 11, 2006, of educating students for Christian service and leadership throughout the world,

and marking this occasion will be Abilene Christian University's annual Parade of Flags representing every State and over 60 nations with enrolled students as flagbearers;

Whereas the theme for the Abilene Christian University Centennial is "Called to Faith and Excellence"; to reaffirm the strong Christian faith and to strive for the highest academic quality as Abilene Christian University prepares for their second century;

Whereas out on the hot, windy, arid plains of West Texas, where the prairie dog and the coyote make their home, amidst the tumble weeds, is a school that is the oasis of private Christian education and excellence with over 4700 students and 200 faculty members, and that has progressed dramatically since its beginning in 1906 as Childress Classical Institute;

Whereas J.W. Childress sold A.B. Barret some land outside Abilene, Texas, to start a Christian school, backed by the Church of Christ in Abilene and A.B. Barret became the first president; and in 1912, when Jesse P. Sewell became President, the school started using the name Abilene Christian College, or commonly referred to as Abilene Christian;

Whereas the school moved its campus in 1929 after receiving money from the city of Abilene and land donated by the people of the city, and the new campus permanently moved to the Northeast portion of town, fondly referred to as the Hill;

Whereas Abilene Christian College eventually became Abilene Christian University in 1976;

Whereas Abilene Christian University is a selective, private, master's-level university offering more than 60 bacc-

laureate majors that include more than 100 areas of study, 27 master's degree programs, and one doctoral program, and the university includes the College of Business Administration, College of Biblical Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate School, and School of Nursing, and numerous students go on to receive graduate degrees at Abilene Christian University and other universities;

Whereas the school has had tremendous athletic programs and its track program has won National Championships for over 60 years, and the purple and white Wildeats are now in NCAA Division II and compete in all major sports;

Whereas the people who are at the University, not just the students, but the teachers and administration are a unique type of people of great character, routinely having students in their homes for informal gatherings;

Whereas the 10th President, Royce Money is continuing to lead the school with a determination to follow the mission of the school: "To educate students for Christian Service and leadership throughout the world.";

Whereas nearly 90,000 alumni and former students of Abilene Christian University live in every state and more than 100 nations, and they include doctors, scientists, school teachers, administrators, business professionals, ministers, missionaries, public servants, judges, professional athletes, best-selling authors, journalists, filmmakers, artists, and a variety of other professionals; and

Whereas with great admiration, the House of Representatives is proud to pay tribute to this eminent university which

stands at the threshold of the future with its legacy of outstanding achievements and its impressive body of distinguished alumni: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) the House of Representatives honors Abi-
3 lene Christian University upon the occasion of its
4 100th Anniversary, fully confident that in its future,
5 it will enjoy the same success which has so charac-
6 terized its past; and

7 (2) a copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed,
8 be transmitted to Abilene Christian University.

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