

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6011

A RESOLUTION proclaiming and celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of Baker University.

WHEREAS, Baker University was founded on February 12, 1858 by a group of Methodists hoping to bring education to the Kansas-Nebraska Territory and was named after distinguished scholar Osmon Cleander Baker, Bishop of the Methodist-Episcopal Church which is now the United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Baker University was founded before Kansas became a state, and its charter was granted by the Territorial Legislature in 1858; and

WHEREAS, The first building on the Baker Campus was Old Castle in which its doors were first opened on November 22, 1858, which is now known as Old Castle Museum on the Baker Campus in Baldwin City with Werter Renick Davis as its first president; and

WHEREAS, Baker University, is now a comprehensive university with four schools serving nearly 4,000 students across six campuses and at other locations in Kansas and Missouri: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we do hereby proclaim the year 2008 as Baker University's sesquicentennial year. We celebrate its continued growth, rich legacy, progress and achievements of the university, and we recognize Baker University as the first university in Kansas and as a great institution of higher learning.

House Resolution No. 6011 was sponsored by Representative Thomas Holland.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*