

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 49th Legislature (2004)

HOUSE CONCURRENT

RESOLUTION HCR1090:

Rice of the House

and

Williams of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution commending President Robert W. Lawless for his leadership and wishing him happiness in his retirement from The University of Tulsa; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Lance Secretan, noted author and leadership consultant, once said "Leadership is about inspiration - of oneself and of others. Great leadership is about human experiences, not processes. Leadership is not a formula or a program, it is a human activity that comes from the heart and considers the hearts of others. It is an attitude, not a routine"; and

WHEREAS, Robert W. Lawless has demonstrated his genuine leadership during his tenure as the sixteenth President of The University of Tulsa; and

WHEREAS, during the eight years that President Robert W. Lawless served his post, his leadership has produced and championed unprecedented growth in campus facilities, academic excellence and national recognition for The University of Tulsa; and

WHEREAS, one in twelve University of Tulsa freshmen is a National Merit Scholar, a number that has grown under the leadership of President Lawless from the prior ratio of one in fifty; and

WHEREAS, in the last seven years, University of Tulsa students have won twenty-six Goldwater Scholarships, a record that places The

University of Tulsa into a three-way tie with Duke and Princeton as the nation's leading institutions for Goldwater Scholars; and

WHEREAS, the University's growth and achievements during the Lawless tenure have been accompanied by unprecedented levels of national acclaim, including The University of Tulsa's selection as one of the top 100 national universities by U.S. News and World Report and the University's recognition in USA Today for achieving the second highest student-athlete graduation rate in the nation; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of President Lawless, the campus has grown significantly with the construction of the Donald W. Reynolds Center, the Mabee Legal Information Center, the Boesche Legal Clinic, the University Square Apartments, the Donna J. Hardesty Sports and Recreation Complex, the Michael D. Case Tennis Center, the Fulton and Susie Collins Fitness Center, and the renovation and expansion of Sharp Memorial Chapel; and

WHEREAS, in June of this year, Robert W. Lawless will step away from the helm of a nationally ranked university and will retire as President of The University of Tulsa; and

WHEREAS, due to Robert W. Lawless' inspiration, leadership and dedication, The University of Tulsa has received national recognition and acclaim.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the members of the Oklahoma Legislature are proud to honor and commend a man who stands admirably as an example for any Oklahoman of leadership, steadfast commitment to excellence and public service.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature wishes Robert W. Lawless health and happiness in his retirement from The University of Tulsa.

THAT a copy of this resolution be dispatched to President Robert W. Lawless, his wife, Marcy Lawless, and the chairman and members of The University of Tulsa Board of Trustees.

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