

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1027**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Robert B. Sloan, Jr., who served as president of Baylor University from June 1, 1995, through May 31, 2005, during a time of great change and progress in the state's oldest institution of higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, One of President Sloan's greatest achievements has been implementing Baylor 2012, the university's 10-year plan that calls for Baylor to become a nationally recognized research institution and at the same time strengthen its Christian mission; and

**WHEREAS**, During President Sloan's tenure, the Baylor faculty has grown from 644 to 780, and faculty research has greatly increased; and

**WHEREAS**, Numerous new schools have been established at Baylor since 1995, including the School of Engineering and Computer Science, the Honors College, and the School of Social Work, and a number of new doctoral programs were developed during this time; and

**WHEREAS**, Minority student enrollment has increased to 30.3 percent in the 2004 fall semester freshman class, and graduate student enrollment has grown to an all-time high of 1,297 students; and

**WHEREAS**, Baylor's operating budget and its endowment have more than doubled; campus size has increased from 450 acres to almost 750 acres, and many new facilities have been built; and

**WHEREAS**, President Sloan set high standards for his faculty, administrative officers, and students and provided an environment conducive to excellence in teaching and learning; he has had a positive impact on the lives of many students, and Baylor University will long benefit from his leadership; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend Robert B. Sloan, Jr., for his outstanding achievements as president of Baylor University and his many contributions to the educational system of this state and extend to him best wishes in his new role as university chancellor; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate