

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 627

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. Louis Agnese on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his inauguration as president of the University of the Incarnate Word; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Agnese was inaugurated on March 25, 1986; at the time, he was one of the youngest presidents of a four-year institution of higher education in the country, and today, he is the longest-serving president of a comprehensive, four-year university in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Under his exceptional leadership, the university has undergone remarkable growth and development in facilities, programs, and enrollment; the student body has more than quintupled, majors have increased from 56 to nearly 80, and doctoral programs were begun for the first time; and

WHEREAS, The university's budget has grown from \$7.8 million to more than \$160 million, and its endowment has increased from \$3 million to more than \$80 million; the Feik School of Pharmacy and the Rosenberg School of Optometry have opened, helping to fill the state's need for training in these vital disciplines; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Agnese has had a significant impact on higher education in this state, and he is truly deserving of recognition for his many achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Dr. Louis Agnese on his 25 years of outstanding service to the University of the Incarnate Word and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

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

Van de Putte, Uresti,
Wentworth, Zaffirini

Member, Texas Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 24, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate