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BOARD PRAISES PRESIDENT WEFALD FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

KSU President to Retire After 22 Years

(TOPEKA) – Today Regent Christine Downey-Schmidt, Chair of the Kansas Board of Regents, issued the following statement regarding the announcement that Kansas State University (KSU) President Jon Wefald, KSU's 12th president, will retire at the end of the 2008-2009 academic year after 22 years of service to the state of Kansas:

“On behalf of the Kansas Board of Regents, I offer my sincerest gratitude to Jon Wefald for his 22 years of unparalleled leadership as the President of Kansas State University. Jon, through his tremendous vision and unrivaled determination, transformed K-State into the world class educational institution that it is today.

Under Jon's leadership, K-State has enjoyed increased student enrollments, dramatic increases in private giving and research funding, has attracted world-renowned researchers and scholars, and has achieved an unequalled success rate in the number of prestigious national scholarships awarded to its students.

We are thankful that Jon will continue to serve as K-State's president through the end of the next academic year. In the meantime, the Board will soon formalize the process to conduct a national search for a new president.

It's safe to say that Kansas is a better place today because of Jon Wefald.”

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About the Kansas Board of Regents:

The nine-member Kansas Board of Regents is the governing board of the state's six universities and the statewide coordinating board for the state's 36 public higher education institutions (six state universities, a municipal university, nineteen community colleges, and ten technical institutions). In addition, the Board administers the state's student financial aid, adult education, GED, and career and technical education programs. The Board also authorizes private proprietary schools and out-of-state institutions to operate in Kansas, and administers the Kan-ed network, a statewide network that provides broadband Internet access and distance learning capabilities for schools, hospitals, and libraries.

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