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COALITION APPLAUDS CHANCELLOR PICK, CALLS MCRAVEN A ‘PROVEN LEADER WITH A STRONG BACKBONE’

AUSTIN—Following the announcement that Admiral William McRaven was named the sole finalist for the position of chancellor of the University of Texas System, the Texas Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education issued the following statement:

“We applaud the selection of Adm. William McRaven as the next chancellor of the UT System, and commend the Board of Regents on its diligent search. McRaven is a proven leader with a strong backbone and the courage of his convictions and we believe he will stand up for what is right and in the best interests of higher education. His inspirational 2014 UT Austin commencement speech gave insight into the type of leader he will be – one who respects diverse viewpoints, values collaboration and brings unmatched tenacity to his work. We look forward with optimism that McRaven will usher in a new era marked by good governance, an emphasis on excellence in research and teaching, and a cooperative environment that allows the component institutions to do what they do best: educate Texans for the future. We look forward to working with and supporting Adm. McRaven as he advances the UT System to the benefit of all Texans.”

About the Coalition

The Texas Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education is a bipartisan group of concerned Texans who organized to publicly support and promote excellence in public higher education, and oppose policies and recommendations that are destructive to its quality and long-term sustainability. Our group includes former university presidents, chancellors and regents, as well as numerous business leaders, philanthropists and more than 400 prominent and engaged Texans. Formed in 2011, in response to a growing concern over recommendations being floated that could have long-term damaging effects on our institutions of higher learning, the Coalition hopes to advance a thoughtful, constructive and transparent dialogue around higher education in Texas, seeking to improve the quality educational opportunities for all Texans. For more information on the Coalition and information on higher education in Texas, please visit:

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