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BOARD OF REGENTS RESPONDS TO GOVERNOR'S STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

(TOPEKA) – This evening Regent Nelson Galle, Chairman of the Kansas Board of Regents, issued the following statement in response to Governor Kathleen Sebelius' 2007 State of the State Address:

“It is apparent from the Governor’s State of the State message that higher education is a critically important priority for her in this new legislative session. We are grateful for her recognition that meaningful and significant investments in postsecondary education are essential for enhancing this state’s future, and we applaud her commitment to seek increased state resources to support the vital educational and workforce development efforts taking place within the state’s higher education system.

In addition, I am impressed with the early indications that House and Senate leaders have also embraced higher education as an important priority for this session. We certainly appreciate that focus and we look forward to their support.

Over the past few months thousands of Kansans asked the Governor to include a down payment on crumbling state university buildings in her budget recommendations. I am pleased that the Governor has committed to the development and submission of a multi-year, comprehensive deferred maintenance plan by the end of this month. We are optimistic that the Governor’s plan will include a down payment this year to address the serious maintenance issues confronting our state university campuses.”

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