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## **SCHWERTNER CONGRATULATES DR. MARK HUSSEY ON BEING NAMED INTERIM PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

**COLLEGE STATION, TX** -- This morning, the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents formally selected Dr. Mark Hussey to serve as the Interim President for Texas A&M University's main campus in College Station.

"Dr. Mark Hussey is a person I greatly respect, and I believe the [Texas A&M University System] Board of Regents made an excellent choice in selecting him to lead Texas A&M University as Interim President," said Senator Schwertner. "Dr. Hussey's commitment, leadership, and decades of academic achievement make him an ideal choice to lead Texas A&M University. I know he will serve with distinction until the search committee names a permanent selection next year."

Dr. Mark Hussey was appointed Vice Chancellor and Dean for Texas A&M's Agriculture and Life Sciences in December 2008. As Vice Chancellor, Dr. Hussey provides leadership and oversight for the Texas A&M University System's agricultural agencies: Texas A&M AgriLife Research, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, the Texas A&M Forest Service, and the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory. He also serves as dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University.

Before his appointment as vice chancellor and dean, Dr. Hussey served as the director of Texas A&M AgriLife Research. The agency has more than 1,600 employees, including 550 doctoral-level scientists who conduct research, improving life through science and technology. During his tenure as director, Dr. Hussey led the agency through a strategic branding initiative and started a corporate relations team that brought in research contracts worth more than \$15 million.

As the State Senator for District 5, Senator Charles Schwertner represents a ten-county region of Central and East Texas which includes Brazos, Freestone, Grimes, Leon, Limestone, Madison, Milam, Robertson, Walker and Williamson counties.

In addition to his role in the Texas Legislature, Dr. Schwertner also works as a practicing orthopedic surgeon, treating thousands of patients in Williamson and Milam counties each year. He and his wife Belinda (an obstetrician/gynecologist), reside in Georgetown with their three sons: Carson, Zachary, and Matthew.

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