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Akin Introduces Statement in Congressional Record Honoring the Memory of Dr. Spellman

WASHINGTON, DC- Today, Congressman Todd Akin (R-MO) introduced the following into the Congressional Record:

Mr. Akin: "I rise today to state for the record how deeply saddened I am by the recent death of Dr. Dennis Spellman.

"As President of Lindenwood University in St Charles Missouri since 1989, Dr. Spellman leaves a legacy of success. His unique leadership style resulted in the tremendous growth of Lindenwood from a small struggling college, to the beautiful sprawling campus of almost 3,500 students (living on campus) that it is today known as Lindenwood University.

"In my many conversations with Dr. Spellman over the past five and a half years, I was keenly aware of his convictions. He was a man of deep faith and commitment. He was a patriot and a proud American who made his life a reflection of what our forefathers intended in "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness". His love and concern for the students and faculty under his charge was evident in the vigor and passion with which he approached every issue and hurdle he navigated.

"As the Congressman for Missouri's second district, I know I speak for many, especially those in St. Charles County who are the most direct beneficiaries of the many successes of Lindenwood University during Dr. Spellman's tenure, when I say, he will be greatly missed."