



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
Senate Resolution 26.04

(Stating the sentiments of the TTUHSC Student Senate Congratulating Dr. John A. Griswold, MD, FACS, on his retirement as Medical Director of the Timothy J. Harnar Burn Center and Executive Director of the Clinical Research Institute)

WHEREAS, Dr. John A. Griswold, MD, FACS, served as the Chair of the Department of Surgery from 1997 to 2016, a nineteen-year tenure during which he fundamentally strengthened the department's clinical capabilities and academic rigor, earning the title of Chair Emeritus¹; and,

WHEREAS, as the long-standing Medical Director of the Timothy J. Harnar Burn Center, Dr. Griswold has led the center through eleven consecutive verifications, establishing it as one of the premier burn care facilities in the nation, recently earning him the American Burn Association Lifetime Achievement Award^{1,2}; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Griswold's vision and leadership were instrumental in establishing the region's first and only Level 1 Trauma Center, a legacy permanently enshrined in its naming as the John A. Griswold Trauma Center at University Medical Center^{3,7}; and,

WHEREAS, since 2019, Dr. Griswold has served as the Executive Director of the Clinical Research Institute (CRI), where he revitalized the university's research infrastructure, pushed for the integration of artificial intelligence in clinical research, and created opportunities for medical students to distinguish themselves through research scholarship^{5,6}; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Griswold has tirelessly served as the Vice Chair of Education and Vice Chair of Quality Assurance, mentoring countless residents and medical students, ensuring that his philosophy of "making things better" endures in the hands of future surgeons and other healthcare providers^{3,4}; and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Student Senate, on behalf of the student body, extends its deepest appreciation and congratulations to Dr. John A. Griswold, MD, FACS on his retirement. We thank him for his visionary leadership of the CRI, his relentless advocacy for patient safety, and his enduring commitment to the students, faculty, and patients of TTUHSC and the greater Lubbock community; and therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the Journal and that copies be sent to **Lori Rice-Spearman, Ph.D.**, *President of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center*; **Darrin D’Agostino, D.O., MPH, MBA**, *Provost and Chief Academic Officer*; **Lance McMahon, MS, Ph.D.**, *Interim Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences*; **Gerard E. Carrino, Ph.D., MPH**, *Dean of the Julia Jones Matthews School of Population and Public Health*; **Dawndra Sechrist, OTR, Ph.D.**, *Dean of the School of Health Professions*; **John C. DeToledo, M.D.**, *Dean of the School of Medicine*; **Holly Wei, Ph.D., RN, CPN, NEA-BC, FAAN**, *Dean of the School of Nursing*; **Grace Kuo, Ph.D., Pharm.D.**, *Dean of the Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy*; **Jacob Lujan**, *Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Toreador*, and to the students of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

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