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## **Dr. Joseph C. Rallo Named Commissioner of Higher Education**

**Baton Rouge, LA** – Today, the Board of Regents named Dr. Joseph C. Rallo as the 8th Commissioner of Higher Education in Louisiana.

“After careful consideration, the board is pleased to offer Dr. Joseph Rallo the position of Commissioner,” said Chairman Raspberry. “We are extremely proud of the process, and have great confidence that Dr. Rallo will be able to effectively lead the Board of Regents in the coordination of higher education in this state.”

Dr. Rallo is the Special Advisor for Global Engagement at Texas Tech University. He previously served as the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the Texas Tech University System. In addition to his overall coordination of system academic affairs, Dr. Rallo had specific responsibility for strategic planning, distance education, military/veteran initiatives and international programs.

Dr. Rallo is also the Past-President of Angelo State University, a component campus of the Texas Tech University System, in San Angelo, Texas on June 1, 2007. Prior to that appointment he served as Provost and Academic Vice President at Western Illinois University, and was Dean of the College of Business and Administration and the Graduate School of Business Administration at the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs.

Dr. Rallo has published extensively on global business topics with an emphasis on the European Union and Japan. He has also been named as a Fulbright Scholar and NATO Fellow and has testified before United States Senate committees on technology transfer policy for the United States and the European Union. From 1991-1999 he chaired the Executive Committee of the Japan Center for Michigan Universities, a consortium of the 15 public institutions in Michigan with its instructional site in Hikone, Japan.

He has held senior leadership positions on several boards and served as the Chair of the Texas Council of Public University Presidents and Chancellors (CPUPC), President of the Texas International Education Consortium (TIEC) and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS COC). During his tenure, Angelo State University was named to the Princeton Review’s Best 376 Colleges from 2009-2013 and was recognized as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) by the United States Department of Education.

Dr. Rallo served on active duty in the United States Navy and the United States Air Force, with assignments in complex command level organizations, including Air University and the United States Air Force Academy. After 27 years of active and reserve service, he retired from the Air Force with the rank of Colonel.

“This is a great opportunity for me both personally and professionally,” said Rallo. “I’m thankful and appreciative of the board’s confidence in me.”

Dr. Rallo received the B.A. in Russian History from Lafayette College, the J.D. from Western New England University, as well as the M.A. and Ph.D. in International Relations from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. He was also the first American Fellow selected to study at the European Union’s Research Institute in Florence, Italy.