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Remarks at the Installation Ceremony of President Livingstone October 26, 2017

Good afternoon! It is a great honor to stand with you today to celebrate the inauguration of Baylor University's fifteenth President, Dr. Linda Livingstone. I have met many of you all who have traveled from California, DC, and Oklahoma to welcome Dr. Livingstone here in Waco. On behalf of the Student Body, we would like to thank every visitor, returning alum, professor, and Baylor family member who decided to witness this momentous occasion we are a part of today.

When I reflect on how special this moment is in our university's history, I am reminded of the words of our eighth president, Samuel Palmer Brooks. In his Immortal Message, Brooks instructs the Baylor family to "Build upon the foundations here the great school of which I have dreamed, so that she may touch and mold the lives of future generations and help to fit them for life here and hereafter."

Baylor has undoubtedly changed since Brooks' remarks. Our campus has expanded and our family has grown year by year. We have learned from our trials and we have rejoiced with each other in our triumphs. The faithfulness of those who have gone before us to build upon the foundations of our great university has been a constant through these 172 years.

Fellow Bears, we attend an amazing university. A university that welcomes us into the community early on; a university that prays over each student; and a university that values who we are as individuals. Every day, students like myself are touched by the soundtrack of our experience at Baylor, from the bells of Pat Neff to the laughter of students around fountain mall.

Now, as we continue to build upon the foundations of our great university under the direction of Dr. Linda Livingstone, let us once again lean into the words of Samuel Palmer Brooks who said, "Do not face the future with timidity nor with fear. Face it boldly, courageously, joyously. Have faith in what it holds."

Dr. Livingstone, we have courage in your leadership and in your commitment to our Baylor family. On behalf of the student body, it is a sincere privilege to welcome you to serve as the fifteenth President of Baylor University.

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