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UST PRESIDENT, ROBERT IVANY, RECEIVES
GEORGE WASHINGTON DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

HOUSTON (Feb. 22) – Dr. Robert R. Ivany, president of the University of St. Thomas of Houston, was awarded the George Washington Distinguished Service Award by the Paul Carrington Chapter of the Texas Society and National Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

This prestigious award has been given each year since 1944 to a person who has manifested the highest quality of public and private life as exemplified by George Washington, the father of our country and first president. The citation presented to Ivany reads: "Dr. Ivany demonstrates the qualities of good citizenship and faithful, meritorious service to his fellow man as exemplified by the Father of our country and by our founding fathers."

Past recipients of the George Washington Distinguished Service Award include church, civic and business leaders, an astronaut, Governors of Texas, U.S. Senators, physicians, mayors, judges and attorneys; and a "Who's-Who" list of dignitaries including Judge Ross Sterling, Bishop A. Frank Smith, Gov. Price Daniel, Judge Spurgeon Bell and Judge William Blanton, Jr. The award will be presented at the George Washington Birthday Celebration dinner on Feb. 22 at the Briar Club, 2603 Timmons Lane.

"The Paul Carrington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution is honored to present our George Washington Distinguished Service Award to such an outstanding civic and community leader as Ret. Major. General Ivany," said Myron Steves, president of the Paul Carrington Chapter of SAR.

As a devoted family man, Ivany, demonstrates religion and morality in his daily life and represents unimpeachable integrity and the highest ethical standards in his actions. Ivany is a parishioner of St. Anne Catholic Church of Houston and served his country earning the honor of Major General in the United States Army. He served as an army aide to President Ronald Reagan and as the Commanding General of the Military District of Washington. Ivany earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy and Doctorate in History from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He served as the commandant of the United States Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania; as an assistant professor of history and as football coach at the Military Academy at West Point; and an adjunct professor in Executive Education at Columbia University's Graduate School of Business. Ivany is also a Papal Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

The Paul Carrington Chapter of SAR is an historical, educational and patriotic organization formed in Houston, in 1930, named after a notable American Revolutionary patriot. The SAR was organized on April 30, l889, the l00th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as our nation's first president. SAR is composed of men who are lineal descendants of the men who wintered at Valley Forge, signed the Declaration of Independence, fought in the battles of the American Revolution, served in the Continental Congress, or otherwise supported the cause of American Independence. The SAR was chartered by an Act of the United States Congress on June 9, l906 and signed by President Theodore Roosevelt, who was also member of the SAR.

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