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## **Treasurer Meacham Hails President's Action to Make Permanent Federal Tax Break for College Savings**

**OKLAHOMA CITY** – State Treasurer Scott Meacham today thanked President Bush and several members of the Oklahoma congressional delegation for their action to make permanent federal tax breaks to encourage families to save for higher education costs.

President Bush today signed into law H.R. 4, the Pension Protection Act, which was approved earlier this month by Congress. The measure makes permanent the federal tax exemption for Section 529 plans, including the Oklahoma College Savings Plan. Without this legislation, the federal tax exemption on 529 Plan funds would have ended on January 1, 2011.

Meacham, who serves as chairman of the Oklahoma College Savings Plan Board of Trustees commended President Bush for signing the legislation that makes the federal tax exemption for 529 Plans permanent.

“Approval of this provision encourages families to begin saving for college, now that the tax benefits are clearly defined,” Meacham said. “This sends a clear message that those who save for college will be rewarded.”

In addition to the federal tax exemption, the Oklahoma College Savings Plan is the only 529 Plan with an Oklahoma income tax deduction. Families can deduct up to \$20,000 per year from their Oklahoma taxable income for contributions to Oklahoma College Savings Plan accounts.

Members of Oklahoma's congressional delegation voting in support of the legislation were Representatives Tom Cole, Dan Boren, Frank Lucas and John Sullivan, as well as Senator Jim Inhofe.

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