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Texas Instruments CEO addresses engineering students at The University of Illinois

Rich Templeton commemorates 50th anniversary of the integrated circuit

URBANA, IL (May 1, 2008) – Texas Instruments Incorporated (TI) (NYSE: TXN) chairman, president and CEO, Rich Templeton, spoke to students and faculty members of the College of Engineering at the University of Illinois Wednesday evening about electronics innovation and the potential they have to solve the world's most critical problems, especially in the areas of health care, power efficiency and public safety.

Mr. Templeton also commemorated the 50th anniversary of the integrated circuit by presenting the College of Engineering with a silicon wafer signed by Jack Kilby. A distinguished alumnus of the University of Illinois, Kilby designed the world's first integrated circuit while at Texas Instruments in 1958, which laid the foundation for the field of modern microelectronics. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2000 for his invention.

"The integrated circuit opened the door to new possibilities for technology, and it's impossible to imagine life without cell phones, digital televisions and thousands of other devices that grew out of Jack's invention," Templeton said during his Distinguished Lecture remarks. "Today, all of us at TI want to inspire engineering students to build on Jack's work and discover new ways to improve the way we live."

TI has a longstanding relationship with the University of Illinois and the partnership is part of the company's commitment to strengthening engineering research efforts at universities around the world. Successful interaction with the University of Illinois has led to new innovations in low power wireless communication and system on chip (SoC) design technology for TI and its customers. The university has also joined TI in developing a digital signal processing teaching laboratory at the University of Illinois, as well as education materials broadly adopted by other universities.

"The University of Illinois is well known for its engineering programs, faculty and outstanding students," said Cathy Wicks, TI Worldwide University Program Manager. "Working with the university, we want to develop not only breakthrough technologies, but also young innovators who have the potential to shape the future."

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