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## HOSPITAL FOUNDATION GIFT NAMED FOR EARL FORSYTHE

DALLAS — August 24, 1993 — The Gaston Episcopal Hospital Foundation has pledged \$125,000 to the Fund for Molecular Research at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. This gift, along with the matching funds it generates, will establish a distinguished professorship named in honor of Earl A. Forsythe.

"We wanted our gift to bear the name of Earl Forsythe because of the steadfast commitment he has made to this city," said Louis A. Beecherl Jr., president of the Gaston Episcopal Hospital Foundation and former chairman of the UT System Board of Regents. "This is our way of letting Earl know we appreciate all of the things he has done for Dallas through the years."

"UT Southwestern is proud to be a part of the Gaston Episcopal Hospital Foundation's tribute to a truly outstanding man," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, UT Southwestern president. "We are grateful for Earl Forsythe's civic leadership and pleased that the Gaston Episcopal Hospital Foundation chose to honor him with a distinguished professorship at UT Southwestern."

A Yale University law school graduate, Forsythe has spent the last 60 years balancing a successful law practice with extensive community service. He and his wife, Janet, have been married 56 years and have a son, three daughters and several grandchildren. He has been a partner and of counsel with Worsham, Forsythe, Sampels & Wooldridge for the past 40 years.

"He has established a precedent for Dallas attorneys in the area of citizenship," said Neil Anderson, an attorney and colleague of Forsythe. "He has led by example, demonstrating the importance of reaching beyond the practice of law into the community."

Forsythe is a lifetime member of the board of directors of the American Red Cross Dallas Area Chapter, a lifetime director of the board of directors of the

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Episcopal School of Dallas, a member and former president of the Salesmanship Club of Dallas and an advisory council member of St. Philip's Episcopal School and Community Center.

He was a founder of the Community Chest Trust Fund, now the Communities Foundation of Texas, for which he served as general counsel from 1955 to 1961. He also has served on the boards of United Way of Metropolitan Dallas and the Dallas County Hospital District. He has been a member of the vestry and senior warden at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church and at St. Matthew's Episcopal Cathedral.

In 1980 Forsythe received the J. Erik Jonsson Award from the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas and two years later became the first recipient of the Justinian Award, given by the Dallas Lawyers Wives Club for outstanding community service and involvement.

For nearly 10 years, Forsythe served on the board of the Gaston Episcopal Hospital. The 107-bed hospital, which was established in 1928, merged with Baylor University Medical Center in 1987. The hospital is now the site for the Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation. The hospital's foundation, established in the early 1980s, remains a separate, independent body, funding health-related projects in the Dallas area. Zale Lipshy University Hospital is one of the many beneficiaries of the Gaston Episcopal Hospital Foundation's generosity.

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