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## WORSHAMS ADD TO ENDOWMENT FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESEARCH FUND AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS – May 22, 2002 – Harriet L. and Jos. Irion Worsham are dedicated to learning more about Alzheimer's disease and finding better diagnostic techniques and treatments.

The couple, who established the Harriet L. Worsham Fund for Alzheimer's Disease Research through the Southwestern Medical Foundation in 1999, has added an additional \$250,000 to the endowment, bringing the total value of the fund to \$1.5 million.

Worsham, a Dallas attorney, said that he and his wife are pleased with the work that has been accomplished at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas through the endowment. "Funding is a way we can help support this mission, and Harriet and I wanted to make another contribution to help speed up the process," he said.

Worsham is an honorary trustee of Southwestern Medical Foundation and served as its legal counsel for many years.

"These gifts will help speed efforts to discover ways to treat and prevent Alzheimer's, a disease that will affect an estimated 14 million Americans by the time the majority of baby boomers reach their senior years. The Worshams have shown foresight and compassion in their gifts to help older citizens," said W. Plack Carr Jr., president of Southwestern Medical Foundation.

Currently, as many as 4 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease, according to the National Institutes of Health, and one in 10 people over 65 and half of those over 85 are victims of the disease.

Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern, said the Worshams have shown vision in establishing and enhancing a fund to help conquer a disease that has disabled so many people both physically and mentally. "Our Alzheimer's disease research and treatment programs need private support such as this endowment to accelerate our progress in the battle against this devastating illness," he said.

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