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*****UTHSCD to dedicate outpatient
facility June 1.

DALLAS -- The James W. Aston Ambulatory Care Center at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas will be dedicated at an 11 a.m. ceremony June 1. The dedication address will be delivered by Dr. Edward N. Brandt Jr., assistant secretary for health, Department of Health and Human Services. Jon P. Newton, chairman of The UT System Board of Regents, will present the new outpatient facility to Dr. Charles C. Sprague, president of UTHSCD. A tribute to Mr. James W. Aston will be given by Sprague.

The Aston Center will offer expanded teaching opportunities for medical students, allied health students and postgraduate physicians.

State-of-the-art diagnostic and therapeutic equipment will enable faculty consultants to see patients with a broad spectrum of disease in their individual specialties. With the new facilities for outpatient referrals from this region, students will have a better chance to observe rarer forms of disease. They will also have the opportunity to see the faculty interact with private patients one-to-one.

"Dallas has excellent medical facilities, but somehow many people leave the Dallas area to go to Houston for medical care," says Dr. Alan K. Pierce, medical director of the Aston Center. "Dallas has never had a real focus, and we hope the Aston Center will provide the focus to make the city a medical referral center."

Most patients will be able to see a faculty physician and have all necessary tests done within the Aston Center in the same day. Services available include in vitro fertilization and other services in the fertility clinic, all radiological services from CT scan through magnetic resonance imaging. Mammography can be done with both low-dose radiation and Xerography. Laboratory tests are available in the same facility.

In addition to sophisticated diagnostic equipment, the Aston Center will also house day surgery, physical therapy and cancer treatment facilities as well as the outpatient section of the General Clinical Resources Center, a National Institutes of Health-funded center for human research. For the patients' convenience there is a pharmacy in the building. "Patient aid" phones in the adjacent parking lot allow patients to pick up a phone and request a wheelchair or other assistance in getting into the building.

The following areas are available for patient care: Ambulatory Surgical Center, Dermatology, General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Ophthalmology, Oral Surgery, Orthopedics, Orthotics, Otorhinolaryngology, Pathology, Physical Medicine, Plastic Surgery, Psychiatry, Radiology, Thoracic Surgery and Urology.

The man for whom the center is named, James W. Aston, is chairman of the Directors' Executive Committee of RepublicBank Corporation.

"In the 18 years that I have been associated with this institution," says Sprague, "Mr.

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Aston has clearly played a vital role in its development. In his previous capacity as president of the Southwestern Medical Foundation, as well as the Hoblitzelle Foundation, his commitment to this institution has always been evident."

Aston currently serves as chairman of the Board of Trustees of Southwestern Medical Foundation and chairman and chief executive officer of Hoblitzelle Foundation. He has been president of both foundations. He is a member of the board of Southwestern Legal Foundation and since 1961 has served as treasurer for the State Fair of Texas.

Aston has spent most of his professional career as an officer of Republic National Bank of Dallas, serving as president from 1957 till 1965. He was chairman of the board from 1965 till 1974. When the bank formed a holding company in 1974, he was named the first chairman of the board and chief executive officer, positions that he held until 1977. Since that time he has chaired the Directors' Executive Committee.

A native of Farmersville, Texas, Aston received his B.S. in civil engineering from Texas A&M College in 1933. He was captain and fullback of the Texas A&M football team his senior year, and 25 years later he was named to the Silver Anniversary All-American Football Team by Sports Illustrated.

Aston was named a Distinguished Alumnus of Texas A&M University in 1967. And in 1971 he was the Southwest's first recipient of the B'nai B'rith Humanitarian Award.

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