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UT SOUTHWESTERN'S MOLECULAR RESEARCH CAMPAIGN EXCEEDS GOAL

DALLAS — October 25, 1994 — The largest fund-raising campaign for research ever undertaken by an American medical school and the largest private-donor campaign ever conducted in Dallas has exceeded its goal.

Lee Raymond, chairman of the board of Exxon Corporation, and Liener Temerlin, chairman of the board of Temerlin McClain, announced today that the Fund for Molecular Research has raised more than \$156.4 million to support biomedical research at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. Additional gifts may also be received from several foundations whose boards meet between now and the end of the year.

Raymond and Temerlin co-chaired a campaign committee of 50 prominent North Texas civic and business leaders.

"Two years ago," said Raymond, "Liener and I were privileged to announce an unprecedented effort to mobilize the Dallas community behind a drive to raise the money needed to propel UT Southwestern into the forefront of medical research well into the 21st Century.

"The successful conclusion of this campaign means the university now has the financial ability to attract and support the leading biomedical scientists whose research is essential to understanding and unlocking the secrets behind most of humanity's major illnesses."

Said Temerlin: "UT Southwestern made it all possible. Dr. Kern Wildenthal and the dynamic fund-raising committee had the unique privilege of telling the extraordinarily generous contributors in this community the story of the formidable institution that has been built in Dallas."

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The total raised so far includes a gift of \$500,000 announced today by Dallas investor Charles E. Seay. Seay and his wife, Sarah, have contributed \$12 million, including a \$10 million grant to help build a third research tower on UT Southwestern's new North Campus and \$1.5 million to create five endowed chairs in pediatrics and pediatric psychology. The Seays' latest gift will be matched to endow a distinguished chair in cancer research.

Endowments from the Fund for Molecular Research will support research in cancer, neuroscience, molecular genetics and developmental biology at UT Southwestern. Research at the molecular level in these fields forms the foundation for significant advances in clinical medicine.

"Thanks to an unparalleled outpouring of support from the community, we have been able not only to meet, but to exceed our total goal," Wildenthal said. "However, there are some specific research categories still underfunded and we hope our supporters will help us reach those funding goals.

"Although UT Southwestern is a public institution, private support is enabling us to become a world-class medical center. Endowment of professorships, chairs and centers and the provision of state-of-the-art facilities and equipment make it possible to recruit and retain the best medical scientists and clinicians in the world," Wildenthal said.

The Fund for Molecular Research was launched two years ago with four gifts totaling \$85 million, including three of the largest donations ever made to a public college or university for medical research: \$30 million from the Excellence in Education Foundation, established by the founders of Texas Instruments — Erik Jonsson, Cecil H. Green and the late Eugene McDermott — and two anonymous \$25 million donations.

The Excellence in Education Foundation gift endowed new research initiatives in molecular genetics and human disease, under the overall

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direction of two of UT Southwestern's four Nobel laureates, Dr. Michael S. Brown and Dr. Joseph Goldstein. Brown is director of the Erik Jonsson Center for Research in Molecular Genetics and Human Disease and holder of the W.A. (Monty) Moncrief Distinguished Chair in Cholesterol and Arteriosclerosis Research and the Paul J. Thomas Chair in Medicine. Goldstein, chairman of molecular genetics, is holder of the Distinguished Chair in Biomedical Science and the Paul J. Thomas Chair in Medicine. Both are Regental Professors, awarded upon their receiving the Nobel Prize in 1988.

One of the anonymous gifts, as well as a \$5 million contribution from Southwestern Medical Foundation, were challenge grants, providing dollar-for-dollar matching funds for research endowments made to the campaign.

The other anonymous gift included \$10 million to complete a new research building on UT Southwestern's North Campus and \$15 million to complete the establishment of two cancer-research centers, one focusing on research in cancer biology and the other on cancer-therapy research.

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