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ADDITIONAL GIFT BRINGS S.T. HARRIS FAMILY SUPPORT OF UT SOUTHWESTERN TO \$2 MILLION

DALLAS – April 4, 2000 – In keeping with a long-standing interest in medical research and a dedication to UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, the S.T. Harris family has donated an additional \$1.35 million to the medical center, bringing the family's contributions over the past decade to more than \$2 million.

The latest gift has created a new chair in medical science and upgraded two chairs previously established by the Harris family to distinguished chairs.

"We feel privileged to have such fine medical care close to home," S.T. Harris said. "We are privileged to be able to support the medical center for being such a positive force in our community and recognize the doctors and researchers for their hard work."

The newly endowed S.T. Harris Family Chair in Medical Science, in Honor of John D. McConnell, M.D., recognizes UT Southwestern's vice president for clinical programs, who is one of the country's foremost urology experts.

"I am very proud that Mr. and Mrs. Harris have chosen to increase their wonderful support of UT Southwestern in this way," McConnell said. "They are exceptionally generous people who are committed to improving the lives of others through their ongoing philanthropy."

In addition to his general administrative responsibilities, McConnell is chairman of urology and director of the Jean H. & John T. Walter Jr. Center for Research in Urologic Oncology and the Dr. Bob Smith Foundation Center for Prostate Research. He also holds the E.E. Fogelson and Greer Garson Fogelson Distinguished Chair in Urology.

The Harrises' new gift has also allowed the upgrading of two previously established chairs to distinguished chairs. The S.T. Harris Family Distinguished Chair in Breast Surgery honors Dr. A. Marilyn Leitch, a nationally recognized breast-cancer surgeon and screening expert. A professor of surgical oncology, Leitch serves as medical director of the UT Southwestern Center for Breast Care.

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The S.T. Harris Family Distinguished Chair in Internal Medicine honors Dr. Gary Reed, professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern. Reed has written extensively on emergency medicine, outcomes research and primary-care issues. He also holds the Eva A. Rosenthal Professorship in Internal Medicine, in Honor of Gary Reed, M.D.

In 1997 the Harris family also established the Margaret D. Harris Professorship in Alzheimer's Research at UT Southwestern.

"The Harrises have been a driving force behind some of the most important research and clinical programs at UT Southwestern for many years," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of the medical center. "We are extremely grateful that they have chosen to honor us with their trust and philanthropy."

A retired lieutenant commander of the Navy and a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, S.T. Harris joined the then little-known Texas Instruments (TI) in 1949 as an electrical engineer. He served as an officer of the company from 1951 to 1994, and was a member of TI's board from 1963 until his retirement. He also was a president of the Texas Instruments Foundation.

Mrs. Hallie Harris was also a Texas Instruments employee for 32 years. She has been an active leader with her husband in the Alzheimer's Association as well as a supporter of a wide variety of UT Southwestern programs.

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