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Tavener and Carolyn Lupton give \$100,000 to enhance patient care, honor two family doctors

DALLAS – May 20, 2004 –Tavener and Carolyn Lupton have given \$100,000 to establish a professorship in patient care at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas in honor of two doctors they have long admired.

The gift, which was made to Southwestern Medical Foundation, will create the T.C. Lupton Family Professorship in Patient Care, in honor of Dr. John Dowling McConnell and Dr. David Andrew Pistenmaa at UT Southwestern. The professorship will support the medical center's efforts to enhance and expand patient-care programs. The gift is part of the medical center's \$500 million *Innovations in Medicine* campaign to raise funds for biomedical research and clinical advances.

"Tav and I think the world of Dr. McConnell and Dr. Pistenmaa," said Mrs. Lupton. "We could not have asked for more wonderful doctors, and we are so grateful for everything they did to make Tav so comfortable and confident. We never worried because we knew we had the best doctors in their fields."

Dr. McConnell, executive vice president for health system affairs and professor of urology at UT Southwestern, and Dr. Pistenmaa, professor of radiation oncology, treated Mr. Lupton for prostate cancer.

"Tav and Carolyn Lupton recognize that outstanding patient-care programs are a critical part of the mission of a top-flight academic medical center," said Dr. McConnell, holder of the S.T. Harris Family Chair in Medical Science. "I am very grateful and humbled by this gift made in my and Dr. Pistenmaa's honor and am proud that they have recognized the dedication that our multidisciplinary team brings to the care of patients with prostate cancer."

Dr. Pistenmaa, holder of the David Bruton Jr. Professorship in Clinical Cancer Research, said, "The Luptons are wonderful people who are wholeheartedly dedicated to doing all they can to support the Dallas community. This gift is a tremendous honor, and I am excited about the doors their generosity will open in the care of patients battling prostate cancer."

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In 1896 Mr. Lupton's great-uncle purchased the original bottling rights to Coca-Cola. Subsequently, the Lupton family became the largest Coca-Cola bottlers in the country. In 1987 the family sold its interests in Coca-Cola to the Coca-Cola Co. (now Coca-Cola Enterprises). Mr. Lupton now serves as president of the Lupton Family Office and as chairman of the board of the Lupton Family Foundation.

Mrs. Lupton, a graduate of Southern Methodist University, has served as president of the Dallas Summer Musicals Guild, on the board of governors of the Dallas Woman's Club, and on the boards of the Dallas Museum of Art and Planned Parenthood, among others.

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