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\$1 MILLION GIFT WILL SUPPORT MINERAL METABOLISM CENTER AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS — Sept. 3, 1993 — Robert T. Hayes, chairman of the board of Hayes Leasing Company Inc. of Dallas, has pledged \$1 million to the Fund for Molecular Research at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

The gift, which will receive matching funds, will establish the Robert T. Hayes Center for Mineral Metabolism Research. The center will be directed by Dr. Charles Y.C. Pak, chief of mineral metabolism at UT Southwestern.

"Bob Hayes' decision to establish a center to support Dr. Pak's work is a great event for UT Southwestern," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, UT Southwestern president. "This will ensure that he always will have the flexibility and security to remain at the forefront of his field."

A pioneer in osteoporosis and kidney-stone research, Pak holds the Charles Pak Distinguished Chair in Mineral Metabolism and the Donald W. Seldin Professorship in Clinical Investigation. He has treated both Hayes and Hayes' father, the late Earl F. Hayes.

"Mr. Hayes' generosity has made our dreams come true," Pak said. "His gift will allow us to explore new and exciting areas of research at a time when such funds are increasingly hard to come by."

The Robert T. Hayes Center for Mineral Metabolism Research will conduct research to develop better treatments and preventive therapies for osteoporosis and kidney stones.

For example, Pak and his research group are studying the molecular biology of the vitamin-D receptor gene to find a genetic defect that might account for the increased intestinal absorption of calcium that can produce kidney stones. Understanding the genetic basis for such a disorder can speed the search for ways to interrupt or reverse the disease process.

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"I have enormous respect for Dr. Pak and his work," Hayes said. "Our family also has had a long and close association with UT Southwestern, and I consider it one of the premier medical centers in the country. It is both a pleasure and a privilege to be financially able to promote the growth of such vital research in Dallas."

Hayes urged others to follow his example in supporting UT Southwestern's Fund for Molecular Research, a \$150 million campaign to support biomedical research at the molecular and genetic level.

"I felt that it was vitally important to commit my resources to UT Southwestern — a medical center that not only has tremendous promise but also superb leadership, to fulfill that promise and make enormous contributions to the improvement of human life," Hayes said. "It is equally important for others to step forward now and not wait to be asked."

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