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UT SOUTHWESTERN BUILDING DESIGN LAUDED

DALLAS — September 21, 1994 — The Simmons Biomedical Research Building at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas has won an award of excellence for its design.

F&S Partners, the Dallas architectural firm responsible for designing the building, was given the Gold Award by the Texas Society of Architects' Committee on Architecture for Health. Edward Larrabee Barnes/John M.Y. Lee Architects of New York City were consulting design architects.

"We're pleased that our physical environment is receiving recognition along with our world-class scientific endeavors," said Kirby Vahle, associate vice president for facilities management.

The 13-story building contains eight floors of biomedical research laboratories, two floors for research support and three floors of parking. The underground parking is designed for future horizontal expansion, and the two-story sky lobby is designed for vertical and horizontal expansion. Notable architectural features are a pyramidal skylight and common areas with panoramic views of the Main Campus and downtown skyline.

The building is named in honor of Reuben Leon and Fairness Clark Simmons, parents of Harold Clark Simmons, a major UT Southwestern benefactor.

The building, completed in April 1993, is part of a 40-acre research complex that will include six research towers. The complex, known as UT Southwestern's North Campus, is connected to the Main Campus via an elevated roadway that includes two bus lanes and a pedestrian sidewalk.

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