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FREDRIC KING HONORS UT SOUTHWESTERN PHYSICIAN WITH \$125,000 TO SUPPORT LIVER RESEARCH AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS – Jan. 3, 2002 – A 23-year relationship between a grateful Louisiana businessman and his dedicated Dallas physician has led to the establishment of a fund for liver disease research at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. Fredric King has given \$125,000 to the medical center to honor Dr. Willis Maddrey, his longtime physician and an internationally recognized authority on liver disease.

The gift will establish the Fredric King Family Endowment for Liver Disease and will support research programs directed by Maddrey, executive vice president for clinical affairs.

“I really believe in UT Southwestern and am very happy to do something to honor Dr. Maddrey, who is a wonderful man and an exceptional physician,” said King, who has been a patient of Maddrey’s for more than two decades. “He has kept a good eye on me all these years, and I’d like to help support some of the lifesaving research he and his colleagues are doing at the medical center.”

King is the former owner of two wholesale drug distributorships, Monroe Drug and Spark Drug, which he also founded. He is the president of the Louisiana Wholesale Drug Association and the Louisiana State Board of Wholesale Drug Distributors and serves on the board of Morris and Dickson of Shreveport, a pharmaceutical distributorship.

“It has been an honor and a pleasure to be Fred King’s physician,” said Maddrey, holder of the Adelyn and Edmund M. Hoffman Distinguished Chair in Medical Science and the Arnold N. and Carol S. Ablon Professorship in Biomedical Science. “His philanthropy and unwavering dedication to research has made him a leader in the support of medical science. This generous gift means a great deal to me personally, but it also means much to the medical center. Successful, progressive treatments for liver disease rely on the kind of research that Mr. King has so loyally supported.”

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Maddrey, who earned his medical degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1964, is past president of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases and past president of the American College of Physicians. He has received numerous professional and teaching awards, written more than 200 articles and edited 10 books on liver disease. Active in numerous medical and civic organizations, he lectures around the world on topics related to liver disease.

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