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DALLAS--Dr. Mervyn B. Starnes, director of the Research Animal Facility at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award of the American Association of Laboratory Animal Science.

The association's award was made in recognition of Dr. Starnes' years of leadership and dedication in the field of laboratory animal medicine.

Dr. Starnes, also an associate professor of microbiology, joined the faculty of Southwestern Medical School in 1960 after retirement from the Army.

His last Army duty station was the Director of the Veterinary Division of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. While in this assignment he actively participated in the pioneer work of developing and producing "specific pathogen free" rats, mice and guinea pigs as well as the production of germ free mice, rats and guinea pigs.

At Southwestern he has substantially contributed to the growth of biomedical research and has been engaged in the various expansion programs of that school.

Dr. Starnes, an early member of the Animal Care Panel which became the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science was one of the organizing members of the Texas Branch. In its early years of existence he was its Secretary-Treasurer for several terms, later becoming its president. During his presidency the Texas Branch hosted the annual meeting of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science in Dallas.

Dr. Starnes is a member of a number of local, state and national scientific organizations and is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Public Health Association. He is a graduate of the Texas A&M University and the Johns Hopkins University.

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