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DISTINGUISHED UROLOGY PROFESSOR HONORED BY BOARD OF REGENTS

DALLAS — January 30, 1995 — The University of Texas System Board of Regents has named Dr. Paul C. Peters to an Ashbel Smith Professorship. Peters, who retired last year as chairman of urology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, continues to see patients on a part-time basis.

Ashbel Smith Professorships, which carry no monetary award, are the highest academic tribute that can be bestowed on a professor by the UT System. They were established by the Board of Regents in 1963 in recognition of Dr. Ashbel Smith, a physician, educator and first president of the Board of Regents, who is regarded as the founder of The University of Texas.

"I am deeply honored that the Regents have seen fit to recognize my efforts in this manner," said Peters.

Peters joined the UT Southwestern faculty in 1963. From 1971 through 1993 he served as chairman of the Division of Urology in the Department of Surgery. He is known internationally for his pioneering work in kidney transplantation.

Peters has served as president of the American Urological Association and the Clinical Society of Genito-Urinary Surgeons. In April he becomes president-elect of the American Association of Genito-Urinary Surgeons. He currently serves as one of only two American members of the American College of Surgeons' board of regents.

Dr. John McConnell, chairman of urology at UT Southwestern, said: "I can think of no other individual whose contributions and loyalty to UT Southwestern have exceeded those of Dr. Peters. In addition to building a fine teaching program and clinical practice, he established a nationally recognized research program and serves as a role model for leadership of an academic department. It seems fitting that he be honored with this professorship that was designed to recognize such outstanding contributions."

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UT Southwestern is authorized to nominate no more than five faculty members for Ashbel Smith Professorships. The first, appointed in 1981, was Dr. Morris Ziff, professor of internal medicine. Former UT Southwestern obstetrics and gynecology chairman Dr. Jack Pritchard also held an Ashbel Smith Professorship before his retirement in 1990. In 1991 Drs. P.O'B. Montgomery, Jack Reynolds and Vernie Stembridge were honored with Ashbel Smith Professorships. Montgomery and Stembridge are professors of pathology; Reynolds is professor of radiology.

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