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DALLAS--The extraordinary medical triumph of a 66-year-old artist will be recognized in a small ceremony at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School Thursday.

Robert A. Sage will be given a medal "in recognition of your triumph over diabetes. You are one of the first persons to live 50 years as a diabetic," the inscription reads.

Sage, a retired medical artist at UTSMS, had been diagnosed as having diabetes in December of 1920. The only remedy in those days was a strict diet. It would be July 30, 1921, before Dr. Frederick Banting and Charles Best would isolate the first insulin in Toronto, and 1925 before Sage would receive his first injection.

The 50-year medal will be presented Mr. Sage from the incorporators, trustees and staff of Joslin Diabetes Foundation, Inc. Dr. W.A. Godfrey, president of the Dallas Diabetes Association, will make the presentation at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the UTSMS Cary Basic Science Building.

One of the principal things cited will be Mr. Sage's "courageous, faithful and consciencious effort to cooperate with your physicians and to care for your health."

It was the discovery of insulin which is credited by UTSMS professors as helping make it possible for persons like Mr. Sage to live 50 years with severe diabetes.

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