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**Hayes Foundation gives \$1 million to support
cardiothoracic surgery programs at UT Southwestern**

DALLAS – Jan. 25, 2007 – The Robert Tucker Hayes Foundation of Dallas has given \$1 million to enable UT Southwestern Medical Center to establish a distinguished chair in its Heart, Lung and Vascular Center.

The donation, which was given to St. Paul Medical Foundation, will create the Robert Tucker Hayes Foundation Distinguished Chair in Cardiothoracic Surgery. Dr. Michael Jessen, professor and vice chairman of cardiovascular and thoracic surgery at UT Southwestern, has been named the first holder of the chair.

“I have been personally involved with UT Southwestern for many years and have always had great respect for the research and the superb clinical programs offered at all of its affiliated hospitals,” said Bob Hayes, president and director of the Hayes Foundation. “I know Dr. Michael Jessen to be a wonderful surgeon and academician, and my family and I wanted to do something to honor his accomplishments. We’re very excited about what is happening at the medical center, and we’re pleased to be able to support such a great program in this way.”

Mr. Hayes, a retired investor, has been a major supporter of UT Southwestern. He contributed \$1 million in 1994 to establish the Robert T. Hayes Center for Mineral Metabolism Research, which is directed by Dr. Orson W. Moe, and gave another \$1 million gift in 1997 for psychiatric research through the Alline Tucker Hayes Fund for Behavioral Brain Science. That gift was made in memory of Mr. Hayes’ mother, and supports research in the Sarah M. and Charles E. Seay Center for Basic and Applied Research in Psychiatric Illness. In 2000 the Hayes Foundation established the Robert Tucker Hayes Distinguished Chair in Nephrology, in Honor of Dr. Floyd C. Rector Jr., which is named for Mr. Hayes’ cousin, a former chief of nephrology at UT Southwestern.

Mr. Hayes is the former chairman of Hayes Leasing Co., which held Avis franchises in Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin and San Antonio. When he and his daughters sold the car-rental portion of the business in 1998, it was the largest Avis franchise in the nation.

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He also has been active in community affairs, serving as a board member for the Dallas County Hospital District, the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce and the Dallas Citizens Council. He was chairman of the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce, the New Car Dealers Association of Metropolitan Dallas and United Cerebral Palsy of Metropolitan Dallas.

The Hayes Foundation was established in 1949 and named for Mr. Hayes' father, Earl Hayes. It was renamed in 1996. The foundation has supported a wide variety of organizations, including the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio, where it recently established a distinguished chair in oncology; Harvard College, where it established an undergraduate scholarship fund in arts and sciences; the North Valley Hospital Foundation in Whitefish, Montana; and the Greyhound Adoption League of Texas.

"Bob Hayes has been a tireless champion of medical care in Dallas, and we are extremely fortunate to have a leader of such integrity and passion on our side," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. "Our Heart, Lung and Vascular Center will benefit enormously from the Hayes Foundation's generosity."

Sally Ridgway, president of St. Paul Medical Foundation, said, "This wonderful gift from the Hayes Foundation provides a significant resource that will provide benefits in perpetuity for our heart specialists and for the thousands of patients served by the program. Bob Hayes has been a loyal friend to the medical center for many years, and we're so grateful for his commitment to our mission of supporting excellence in health care."

Dr. Jessen earned his medical degree in 1981 from Canada's Manitoba Medical School, where he was valedictorian. After a residency in general surgery at the University of Manitoba and a residency in thoracic surgery at Duke University Medical Center, he joined the faculty of UT Southwestern in 1990 and is also director of the thoracic surgery residency program. He is chief of cardiothoracic surgery at Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

He has won numerous awards and honors for his research and clinical skills, including the Lyndon Baines Johnson Research Award from the American Heart Association.

Dr. Jessen's research focuses on the changes in myocardial metabolism that occur during

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surgical procedures when the heart is exposed to drastic changes in temperature, workload and membrane conditions. Increasing the understanding of these processes may lead to improved ways to protect the heart during cardiac operations and may lead to the development of options for preserving hearts and lungs for transplantation.

“I am deeply honored by the Hayes Foundation’s generous gift and for Mr. Hayes’ commitment to health care,” said Dr. Jessen. “My time here at UT Southwestern has been a very fulfilling experience, and the growth of the Heart, Lung and Vascular Center has been dramatic. Thanks to invaluable support like this, we’re able to offer our patients some of the newest advances in cardiovascular treatment.”

UT Southwestern’s Heart, Lung and Vascular Center is a collaborative effort between UT Southwestern faculty and community physicians, who unite to bring their clinical and surgical expertise to patients needing cardiac, pulmonary or vascular care. Seamless, individualized care is available for adult congenital heart disease, cardiac imaging, cardiovascular and thoracic surgery, electrophysiology, general cardiology, heart failure, heart and lung transplant, interventional cardiology, interventional radiology, lung transplant pulmonology, mechanical circulatory assistance, preventive cardiology, pulmonary hypertension, and vascular and endovascular surgery.

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