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Horace C. Cabe Foundation gives \$150,000 for ALS research at UT Southwestern

DALLAS – Dec. 1, 2005 – The Horace C. Cabe Foundation has committed \$150,000 to accelerate research at UT Southwestern Medical Center into amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

The gift will support basic scientific investigations under the direction of Dr. Jeffrey Elliott, associate professor of neurology, who is internationally recognized for his ALS research.

"I am honored and excited that the Cabe Foundation has chosen to support the work we're doing here at UT Southwestern," Dr. Elliott said. "We're continually striving to unlock the genetic culprits behind ALS and what makes motor neurons vulnerable or resistant to disease. This gift helps us move closer to the answers, and I'm personally very thankful for this wonderful contribution to our efforts."

In 2003 the Cabe Foundation gave \$200,000 to equip a neurology laboratory in the medical center's Biomedical Research Tower and support ALS research at UT Southwestern.

The Horace C. Cabe Foundation was established in 1993, after the death of Mr. Cabe, an Arkansas businessman who, along with his siblings, founded the Gurdon Lumber Co. The company eventually prospered into one of the largest family-owned businesses in the state. Mr. Cabe, a graduate of Southern Methodist University and the Harvard School of Business, acquired timberland and instituted active and successful programs in reforestation and other land resource management practices. The foundation supports social services, youth, medical, cultural, preservation, civic, religious and educational organizations.

"We are very grateful for the ongoing role the Cabe Foundation is playing in our progress as a leader in ALS research. Support such as this is essential if there are to be scientific breakthroughs in this field," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. "The Cabe Foundation has already made a major commitment to help advance UT Southwestern's ALS research, and this additional donation will be of enormous assistance in our efforts to find a cure for

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this devastating disease.”

ALS is a neurodegenerative disorder that attacks nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, leading to muscle weakness in the arms and legs and difficulty speaking, swallowing and breathing, and eventually loss of all muscle function. A definitive cause for the disease, which affects about 30,000 Americans, has not yet been found, and no cures currently exist.

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