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\*\*New outpatient facility at UTHSCD named for James W. Aston.

DALLAS -- A new outpatient facility at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas was named the James W. Aston Ambulatory Care Teaching Center by the UT Board of Regents at their meeting today on the health science center campus.

The new building, tentatively scheduled to open in January, will enable health science center faculty to see patients, referred by private physicians, more efficiently with offices, examination rooms, diagnostic equipment and laboratories in one campus location. The Aston Center will also offer expanded teaching opportunities for students and residents.

"In the 17 years I have been associated with this institution," said President Charles C. Sprague, "Mr. James W. Aston has clearly played a vital role in its development. In his previous capacity as president of the Southwestern Medical Foundation, as well as the Hoblitzelle Foundation, his commitment to this institution has always been evident."

A noted Dallas businessman, Aston is chairman of the Directors' Executive Committee of RepublicBank Corporation. He serves as chairman of the Board of Trustees of Southwestern Medical Foundation, a member of the board of Southwestern Legal Foundation and chairman and chief executive officer of Hoblitzelle Foundation. Since 1961 he has served as treasurer for the State Fair of Texas.

Aston has spent most of his professional career as an officer of Republic National Bank of Dallas, serving as president from 1957 till 1965. He was chairman of the board from 1965 till 1974. When the bank formed a holding company in 1974, Aston was named the first chairman of the board and chief executive officer, positions that he held until 1977. Since that time he has chaired the Directors' Executive Committee.

A native of Farmersville, Texas, Aston received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M College (now University) in 1933.

He served as city manager of the City of Dallas from 1939 till 1941 when he joined the Army Air Forces as a lieutenant. He was discharged in November 1945 as chief of Staff of the Air Transport Command. He was awarded the American Defense Service bronze star, Legion of Merit and Distinguished Service Medal.

In December 1957 Aston was named to the Silver Anniversary All-American Football Team by Sports Illustrated. He was captain and fullback of the Texas A&M team his senior year, 1932.

He was named a Distinguished Alumnus of Texas A&M University in 1967. And in 1971 he was the Southwest's first recipient of the B'nai B'rith Humanitarian Award.

Aston's biography appears in Who's Who in America; Poor's Register of Corporations, Directors and Executives; and Dictionary of International Biography.

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