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DALLAS--University of Texas Regent Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson will present 104 Doctor of Medicine degrees and nine graduate science degrees during annual Commencement Exercises of Southwestern Medical School and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, components of the UT Health Science Center at Dallas.

The ceremonies, the 31st in Southwestern's history, will be held at 8 p.m. Monday, May 28, in McFarlin Memorial Auditorium on the campus of Southern Methodist University.

Mrs. Johnson, widow of the late President, will be a special guest at the exercises. A member of the Board of Regents of the UT System since 1971, she is chairman of the Regents' Academic and Developmental Affairs Committee.

Dr. Charles C. Sprague, president of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas, will preside at the ceremonies and will introduce the former First Lady.

A highlight of the program will be presentation of the Award of Ho Din, given each year by Southwestern Medical Foundation to an outstanding senior medical student. Edward H. Cary, Jr., member of the Foundation's Board of Trustees, will make the presentation.

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Continuing recent custom, medical graduates have chosen their own commencement speakers--one a faculty member and one a student.

Dr. Jack A. Barnett, professor of internal medicine and chairman of the Division of Preventive Medicine & Public Health, was selected by seniors as faculty speaker. Paul Tobolosky Jr., senior class president, will be the student speaker.

Candidates for the M.D. degree--94 men and 10 women--will be presented by Dr. Frederick J. Bonte, dean of Southwestern.

Dr. Ronald W. Estabrook, dean-elect of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, will present candidates for Doctor of Philosophy and Master's degrees.

Graduate degrees to be conferred include four Ph.D.'s--two in clinical psychology and one each in anatomy and biochemistry.

Three Master of Arts degrees will be awarded, in anatomy, biochemistry and microbiology, as well as two Master of Science degrees in radiological physics.

The Physician's Oath will be administered to the new doctors by Dr. Paul J. Thomas, clinical professor of internal medicine.

Marshal of the Academic Procession will be Dr. Robert M. Pike, professor of microbiology. He will be assisted by Drs. Hal T. Weathersby, Donald W. Seldin and G. Thomas Shires.

Invocation and benediction will be offered by the Rev.

Clarence M. Walton, pastor of Austin's Trinity United Methodist

Church. The Rev. Walton is the father of graduating medical student

Sterling Walton.