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*****Dr. Lynn picked for ophthalmology chair.

DALLAS--The David Bruton Jr. Chair in Ophthalmology has been established at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, James W. Aston, president of Southwestern Medical Foundation, and Dr. Charles C. Sprague, president of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas, said in a joint announcement today.

The chair was made possible by an endowment by the late David Bruton Jr., Dallas real estate man and investor, who died December 30, 1979.

"We deeply appreciate what Mr. Bruton has done," Aston said. "During his lifetime and through his estate he made gifts to Southwestern Medical Foundation totaling \$500,000 to make an endowed chair possible. Southwestern Medical Foundation has combined these gifts into the David Bruton Jr. Fund which it will manage for the benefit of the medical school. Income from the fund will go to the support of the chair."

Sprague said that the proposal to create the chair in ophthalmology has been approved by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System. At the same time, Sprague said, the regents approved the appointment of Dr. John R. Lynn, professor and chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology, as the first person to fill the chair.

"This appointment recognizes the outstanding work which Dr. Lynn is doing in the field of ophthalmology," Sprague said. "An appointment to an endowed chair is the highest recognition which the health science center can bestow on a member of its faculty."

Lynn has been a member of the faculty of the medical school for the past 18 years. He came to the school in 1963 as an assistant professor of surgery and chairman of the Division of Ophthalmology. He was named associate professor in 1966 and professor in 1970. The Division of Ophthalmology was given departmental status in 1966.

Lynn is director of ophthalmology services at Parkland Memorial Hospital, chief of ophthalmology services at Children's Medical Center and ophthalmology consultant at Baylor University Medical Center, Presbyterian Hospital, St. Paul Hospital and the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Dallas.

Lynn received a bachelor of arts degree from Rice Institute, Houston, in 1951. He received the M.D. degree from The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston in 1955. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology and various other professional organizations.

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