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\$1 MILLION HAYES GIFT HONORS FORMER UT SOUTHWESTERN CHIEF OF NEPHROLOGY

DALLAS – Oct. 5, 2000 -- The Robert Tucker Hayes Foundation has pledged \$1 million to UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas to create a distinguished chair.

The gift will establish the Robert Tucker Hayes Distinguished Chair in Nephrology, in Honor of Dr. Floyd C. Rector Jr. Rector, a former UT Southwestern faculty member, is Hayes' cousin. He is internationally recognized as a renal physiologist, having made major research contributions to almost every area of kidney function and electrolyte metabolism.

"I can't think of a better gift for me to give and a better place for it to go," said Hayes, a longtime Dallas businessman and civic leader. "Floyd is considered a top-class nephrologist worldwide and I decided that this would be a very appropriate thing to do."

The holder of the chair always will be the chief of nephrology at UT Southwestern, currently Dr. Peter Igarashi, who is also a professor of internal medicine.

With Hayes' generous support, Igarashi will be able to expand research in molecular and developmental genetics of the kidney.

Rector, a graduate of Southwestern Medical School, joined the UT Southwestern faculty in 1958. He served as chief of nephrology from 1966 until 1973, when he joined the faculty of the University of California at San Francisco School of Medicine, and recently retired as chairman of the Department of Medicine. In 1976 he co-edited what is still considered to be the leading textbook of nephrology, "The Kidney."

Hayes has long 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. Charles Y.C. Pak, and gave another \$1 million gift in 1997 to help fund psychiatric research through the Alline Tucker Hayes Fund for Behavioral Brain Science. That gift was made in memory of Hayes' mother, Alline Tucker Hayes, and supports research in the Sarah M. and Charles E. Seay Center for Basic and Applied Research in Psychiatric Illness.

Hayes was active for many years as chairman of Hayes Leasing Company, which had Avis franchises in Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin and San Antonio. When he and his daughters sold

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the car-rental portion of the business in 1998, it was the largest Avis franchise in the nation.

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, among others. 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.

His interest in education led him to campaign for better schools through the Committee for Quality Education and the League for Educational Advancement in Dallas.

Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern, praised Hayes for his generosity and commitment to the medical center.

“We are very grateful to Bob Hayes for honoring both UT Southwestern and Floyd Rector through this gift,” Wildenthal said. “Our nephrology program will benefit enormously from his generosity and, in return, patients will benefit for generations to come.”

Igarashi, the holder of the chair, came to UT Southwestern from Yale University School of Medicine in 1999. He earned his medical degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, UCLA School of Medicine in 1981 and completed his internal medicine residency at the University of California, Davis, Medical Center in Sacramento in 1984.

After completing a postdoctoral fellowship at Yale in 1987, Igarashi joined the faculty there, becoming associate professor of medicine in 1992. He received the Established Investigator Award from the American Heart Association and was named to the American Society for Clinical Investigation in 1997.

“It’s an honor to have a chair named after Floyd Rector, since he is a seminal figure in American nephrology,” Igarashi said.

Hayes said he hopes his gift to UT Southwestern will help propel the institution to even greater heights. “I am just an enabler of Southwestern, which I believe will be recognized as the premier medical institution in the world,” he said.

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