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**Taylor family honors Dr. J. Michael DiMaio with \$110,000 gift
to support cardiothoracic surgery research**

DALLAS – Aug. 28, 2008 – Dallas residents J.W. Taylor III and Carol A. Taylor have donated \$110,000 to support cardiothoracic surgery research and to honor the physician who cared for their father at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Funds provided by the endowment will establish the James W. Taylor Jr. Family Research Fund, in Honor of Dr. J. Michael DiMaio.

James W. Taylor Jr., who died in 2001, was the co-founder of Taylor Publishing. The company was formed after Mr. Taylor and his brothers, H.C. Taylor and E.M. Taylor worked for Star Engraving in Houston. After introducing offset lithography to yearbook printing in 1939, Taylor Engraving opened a printing business in Dallas. The brothers developed a kit of tools that simplified the production of school yearbooks.

“Dr. DiMaio took an interest in Dad’s case, and we were very happy with the care he gave him,” Mr. Taylor said. “We kept in touch with Dr. DiMaio, and we were really impressed with him. My sister and I wanted to do something to show our appreciation.”

Dr. DiMaio, associate professor of cardiothoracic surgery, joined the faculty of UT Southwestern in 1998. His primary areas of research include investigations of lung cancer and arteriosclerotic heart disease. His clinical interests include tumor resection, heart and lung transplantation, endoscopic surgery and mesothelioma treatment.

“I’m truly humbled by this honor and support,” Dr. DiMaio said. “I enjoy what I do, and I thought very highly of Mr. Taylor and of the Taylor family.”

The younger Mr. Taylor said his father would be proud to have his name on a research fund associated with Dr. DiMaio, whose work ethic, he said, mirrored that of his father.

“Dad went to work at the office every day, right up until the end of his life,” Mr. Taylor said. “He and Dr. DiMaio got along very well. He is a great doctor.”

Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern, said the Taylor family’s donation

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will benefit the research of faculty members and their trainees in the Department of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery.

“By providing this generous gift, the Taylors have honored Dr. DiMaio and simultaneously provided a lasting memorial for their father,” Dr. Wildenthal said. “Because of their thoughtfulness, research and education in cardiothoracic surgery at UT Southwestern will be greatly enhanced.”

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