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MCLEMORE BEQUEST PROVIDES \$785,000 FOR MEDICAL PROGRAMS AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS-July 23, 1999-A \$785,000 bequest from former petroleum engineer Robert H.

McLemore will support general clinical and research efforts at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

McLemore, a native of Dallas, died in 1995 following a stroke.

"He was a wonderful, warm, generous man who went quietly about giving to causes he truly believed in," said Peggy Baum, McLemore's niece. "He was appreciative of the fine medical care he and his family received when they needed it and was enthusiastic about being able to support local research efforts."

Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern, said Mr. McLemore's generosity and dedication to advancing medical care in Dallas is particularly noteworthy because the gift was not earmarked for any specific research effort.

"Gifts such as this one, when given for general research or clinical purposes, provide us with an opportunity to direct funds toward top-priority programs that may not otherwise attract the financial support they need to progress," Wildenthal said. "We are extremely grateful for Mr. McLemore's farsighted bequest. This gift will help us in our quest to bring state-of-the-art research to the patient's bedside."

McLemore began his career as a petroleum engineer with the Sun Oil Co. in 1933 following his graduation from Texas A&M University. He served as an engineering officer in the

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Army Air Corps during World War II. In 1946 he joined Welex Jet Services, where he was instrumental in developing and licensing the "jet" process of perforating oil-well casings -- a process that would later become an industry standard.

In 1957 he assumed the presidency of Otis Engineering Corp., where he remained until his retirement in 1975.

McLemore and his late wife, Ethel, a geophysicist, had one daughter, now deceased, one granddaughter and a great-grandson.

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