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\*\*\*\*Moss Heart Trust commits \$8.3 million  
toward support of heart research.

DALLAS -- Officials at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas today announced a 10-year commitment of \$8.3 million from the Harry S. Moss Heart Trust for the support of heart research activities.

Joining in the announcement were trustees of the fund -- Attorney Frank M. Ryburn Jr. and the Trust Division of NCNB Texas.

"In the 1970s the Moss Heart Trust provided the original impetus that enabled UT Southwestern to become an international leader in heart research," says Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern.

"Moss Heart Trust funds have supported breakthroughs in the understanding of the role of exercise in heart disease, in new diagnostic and therapeutic advances for patients with heart attacks, and in cholesterol lowering drugs for the prevention of atherosclerosis."

The Moss Heart Trust was established in 1973 by the will of Dallas oilman and civic leader Harry S. Moss. Mr. Moss, who died in 1970, was a Dallas resident for 45 years and served as president of Moss Petroleum Co. He held leadership positions on the boards of numerous business and civic institutions, including the First National Bank, State Fair of Texas, Salvation Army and Children's Medical Center.

UT Southwestern was first selected as a recipient of Moss funds in the early 1970s by the three original trustees of the estate -- Mrs. Harry S. Moss, Ryburn and the trust department of the First National Bank, now known as NCNB Texas.

The original commitment was used to establish the Harry S. Moss Heart Center, founded as an "innovative, interdisciplinary cardiovascular program relative to the cause, prevention and treatment of heart disease."

The Moss Heart Center has supported clinical cardiology research under the direction of Dr. James Willerson, basic cardiac research under Dr. Jere H. Mitchell, and atherosclerosis research under Nobel Laureates Michael Brown and Joseph Goldstein, among others.

Offices and some laboratories of the Moss Heart Center are housed in the Harry S. Moss Clinical Science Building, completed in 1977.

"We are thrilled and grateful that the Moss trustees have chosen to extend and expand this support of three vitally important programs," says Wildenthal. "This will result in still greater benefits for the people of Dallas and for victims of heart disease everywhere."

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Note: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas comprises Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School.