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MCDERMOTT FOUNDATION GIVES \$1 MILLION TO SUPPORT CARDIAC ANESTHESIOLOGY PROGRAMS AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS – January 1, 2003 – The Eugene McDermott Foundation has given \$1 million to UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas to create a distinguished chair in cardiothoracic anesthesiology. The chair will be named for S.T. “Buddy” Harris, a Dallas businessman and long-time McDermott family friend.

The gift, which will establish the S.T. “Buddy” Harris Distinguished Chair in Cardiac Anesthesiology, is part of UT Southwestern’s *Innovations in Medicine* campaign to raise \$450 million for clinical advances and medical research.

“The McDermott Foundation and family have always been supportive of UT Southwestern in thoughtful and innovative ways,” said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of the medical center. “This latest gift serves not only to advance our research and clinical efforts but also to honor a great leader and friend. We are tremendously grateful for the foundation trustees’ loyal support and confidence in the school.”

The Eugene McDermott Foundation was established in 1955 by industrialist Eugene McDermott, a cofounder of Geophysical Services Inc. and its successor Texas Instruments (TI), which made technological history. McDermott was TI’s first board chairman and continued as director until his death in 1973.

His wife, Margaret, and the McDermott family have continued to be major supporters of medical science, industry, education and other civic and community ventures and have generously supported UT Southwestern since 1950. The McDermott Foundation is now led by the couple’s daughter, Mary McDermott Cook, who serves as president.

“Not only is the McDermott Foundation pleased to make this early commitment to UT Southwestern’s capital campaign, but it is especially glad to honor one of my father’s dearest friends, Buddy Harris,” Mary Cook said. “We are pleased to support the Department of Anesthesiology again and its new, wonderful department chairman, Dr. William Johnston. I hope both men are as pleased with this gift as my trustees are.”

Previously, the Foundation and family have donated funds to UT Southwestern for the

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establishment of the Eugene McDermott Center for Human Growth and Development; the Eugene McDermott Center for Pain Management; the Eugene McDermott Distinguished Chair for the Study of Human Growth and Development; the Eugene McDermott Distinguished Chair in Molecular Genetics; the Eugene McDermott Scholar in Medical Research; the Margaret Milam McDermott Distinguished Chair in Anesthesiology; the Margaret Milam McDermott Distinguished Chair in Anesthesiology and Pain Management; the Philip O'Bryan Montgomery Jr., M.D., Distinguished Chair in Developmental Biology; and the Mary McDermott Cook Distinguished Professorship in Pediatric Genetics.

“The McDermott family name is synonymous with philanthropy,” said Dr. Johnston, chairman of anesthesiology and pain management and holder of the Margaret Milam McDermott Distinguished Chair in Anesthesiology and Pain Management. “Their latest gift, which will be used to recruit a leading specialist in cardiac anesthesiology, also will provide significant financial support for laboratory and patient research activities. We are enormously grateful for the McDermott family’s longstanding trust and generosity.”

S.T. “Buddy” Harris began his electrical engineering career at Texas Instruments in 1949, where he later served as an officer and as a board member for almost 20 years and as president of the Texas Instruments Foundation. A retired Navy lieutenant commander, Harris directed TI’s overseas operations for many years. He was inducted into the Legion of Honor by the French government in 1990.

He and his wife, both longtime Dallas residents, have been ardent supporters of a broad range of programs at UT Southwestern. They have established the S.T. Harris Family Distinguished Chair in Breast Surgery, in Honor of A. Marilyn Leitch, M.D.; the S.T. Harris Family Distinguished Chair, in Honor of Gary Reed, M.D.; the S.T. Harris Family Distinguished Chair in Medical Sciences, in Honor of John D. McConnell, M.D.; and the Margaret D. Harris Professorship in Alzheimer’s Research.

“The McDermotts and I have a long history together, and I have always had a great deal of respect for everything that Eugene McDermott believed in,” said Harris. “It is a great honor – and a great shock – that his family has chosen to honor me in this way, and I feel very privileged to have been a part of their lives for so many years.”

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