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PIONEER WILDCATTER M.B. "DUKE" RUDMAN ESTABLISHES ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESEARCH LAB AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS — April 16, 1996 — M.B. "Duke" Rudman, an internationally known independent wildcatter from Dallas, has donated \$100,000 to establish the Josephine Rudman Laboratory for Alzheimer's Research at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas in honor of his wife of 50 years.

A commemorative bronze plaque bearing Mrs. Rudman's name marks the new lab where the relationship of certain brain proteins to the development of Alzheimer's disease will be explored, said Dr. Roger Rosenberg, director of the lab. "The Josephine Rudman Laboratory for Alzheimer's Disease Research will help us expedite our research priorities. We are most grateful to Mr. Rudman for his generosity and his interest in our work," said Rosenberg, who holds the Abe (Brunky), Morris and William Zale Distinguished Chair in Neurology and directs UT Southwestern's National Institutes of Health-funded Alzheimer's Disease Center.

Duke Rudman, general partner at the Rudman Partnership of Dallas, has been in the oil business for 56 years. He has drilled thousands of wildcat wells throughout the United States. A native of Bonham, Rudman grew up in Oklahoma in what he describes as humble surroundings. Today he still takes pride in the fact that "as a young man, I shined shoes and sold newspapers, and I always paid my bills 10 days in advance," he said. Rudman attended Kemper Academy and The University of Oklahoma.

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Rudman began his career in the oil fields of East Texas during the 1931 boom. He carved a successful niche for himself by taking over leases with dry holes and drilling productive wells. Rudman also was involved in developing several technical innovations for the oil industry.

He moved his company to Dallas in 1942 and continued his oil career. Rudman points with pride to an overall success rate that he said "exceeds 90 percent of all other wildcatters, past and present."

The philanthropist also is known as a passionate devotee of health and fitness. He often lectures on a healthy lifestyle, a cause he has supported for more than 40 years. He is a founder of the Anti-Smoking League of America and Non-Smokers of Dallas, which lobbied for an anti-smoking ordinance.

He and his wife have two sons, Michael and Wolfe Rudman, and four grandchildren. Michael Rudman is a London stage director known in the United States for his highly acclaimed Broadway revival of "Death of a Salesman," starring Dustin Hoffman. Wolfe Rudman of Dallas is an executive in the Rudman organization.

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