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**Dr. Morris Ziff named to Ziff
Professorship in Rheumatology

DALLAS--Dr. Morris Ziff, chief of the Rheumatology Unit at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas, has the unusual honor of being appointed to a professorship named for him. The University of Texas Board of Regents named Ziff the holder of the Dr. Morris Ziff Professorship in Rheumatology at the June 11 board meeting.

The new professorship was established through funds donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph B. Rogers and the Ralph B. Rogers Foundation.

"Since the professorship is intended to represent the highest attainments in rheumatological medicine, Dr. Ziff is truly the single individual who is ideally qualified for the position. He is generally regarded as the outstanding world figure in rheumatology," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, dean of Southwestern Medical School.

Ziff is also holder of the Ashbel Smith professorship, the highest academic tribute that can be bestowed on a professor by The University of Texas. On his appointment to that professorship last year, the health science center hosted an international symposium in his honor.

Ziff is recognized for his innovative contributions to the scientific study of rheumatic disease and immunology and to the teaching of clinicians in this field. His major work includes studies of the effects of cortisone and ACTH on arthritis patients and the development of the "sheep cell inhibition test," a major diagnostic test for rheumatoid arthritis.

Experts trained by Ziff now serve in rheumatic disease facilities around the world.

A member of the faculty of Southwestern Medical School since 1958, the rheumatologist received his Ph.D. in chemistry at New York University in 1937 and his M.D. at New York University College of Medicine in 1948. He has accumulated a remarkable array of honors including the Heberden Medal, the presidency of the American Rheumatism Association, the Marchman Award, the Carol Nachman Prize and honorary memberships in 18 foreign rheumatology associations.

Among Ralph Rogers' many civic contributions was his chairmanship of the Board of Managers of the Dallas County Hospital District. Under his leadership the board worked to improve patient care at Parkland Memorial Hospital and to establish a firm partnership between the hospital and the medical school.

Last year the Rogers' friends and family donated funds for the Mary Nell and Ralph B. Rogers Professorship in Immunology now held by Dr. Jonathan Uhr, chairman of Microbiology.

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