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UT SOUTHWESTERN OPHTHALMOLOGY CHAIRMAN RECEIVES GRANT FROM EYE-RESEARCH SUPPORT FOUNDATION

DALLAS – April 6, 1998 – Dr. James P. McCulley, chairman of ophthalmology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, has received a \$100,000 unrestricted research grant from Research to Prevent Blindness (RPB), a leading eye-research support group.

This grant raises the total UT Southwestern has received from RPB to more than \$1.4 million. RPB has long supported UT Southwestern's ophthalmologists, who make up one of the country's largest academic and clinical ophthalmology departments.

McCulley, who recently was named chairman of the Food and Drug Administration's Ophthalmic Devices Committee, conducts research on diseases that affect the cornea. He leads a battery of researchers and clinicians who treat all types of eye diseases and eye injuries.

"Support from RPB is a vote of confidence that resonates throughout the field of ophthalmology," said McCulley, holder of the David Bruton Jr. Chair in Ophthalmology. "RPB's continued grants to UT Southwestern support important research into treating eye ailments that affect millions of Americans of all ages."

RPB is the world's leading volunteer organization supporting eye research. Founded in 1960, RPB has channeled more than \$148 million to medical institutions throughout the United States for research into diseases that cause blindness. It annually provides unrestricted support to approximately 50 of the United States' 120 academic departments of ophthalmology.

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