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MILDRED REDDICK, HONORING HER BROTHER, BEQUEATHS \$831,000 TO SUPPORT PATHOLOGY PROGRAMS AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS – Feb. 24, 2003 – The late Texas businesswoman Mildred Reddick has bequeathed \$831,000 to support pathology programs at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, to which she had strong familial ties.

The sister of a pioneer at the medical center, Reddick was a longtime proponent of medical research and a strong community leader. Her will established the Mildred Reddick Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust, the proceeds from which will be added to an endowment fund named for her late brother, Dr. Walter Grady Reddick. Dr. Reddick, who died in 1959 at age 60, was a clinical professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern and physician-in-chief at Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Mildred Reddick was prompted to make the gift by her fondness for her brother's UT Southwestern colleagues, many of whom were pathologists.

"My aunt was an amazing woman who thought very highly of the work being done at UT Southwestern," said Nancy Reddick, Dr. Reddick's daughter. "She had many fond memories stemming from the early years of the medical center and – being the forward-thinking woman that she was – wanted to do something to help the work being done there move ahead."

Mildred Reddick, who died in 1998 at age 81, was a self-made businesswoman who became one of the driving forces behind Latex Construction (which became Houston Construction, now part of Transocean Sedco Forex), a Houston firm engaged in laying cross-country pipelines. An ardent advocate of women's rights, Reddick was active in numerous civic and nonprofit organizations. She also was a longtime member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the First United Methodist Church in Sugar Land, Texas, where she spent her retirement years.

"Ms. Reddick's generosity will be felt throughout the Department of Pathology for many years to come," said Dr. Errol Friedberg, chairman of pathology. "Gifts such as this one open the

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door to new possibilities in research and help cement our commitment to bettering health care in Texas and around the world. We are enormously grateful that she chose to support us in our endeavors.”

Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern, echoed Friedberg’s sentiment. “Mildred Reddick was a gracious, intelligent woman committed to improving the condition of all humankind. This gift not only provides a wonderful springboard for future medical advances, it also pays tribute to her brother, Dr. Grady Reddick, who was instrumental in UT Southwestern’s early progress and a role model for many young physicians.”

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