

UT Southwestern Medical Center

UT Southwestern Mourns the Loss of T. Boone Pickens Jr., a Catalyst for Progress Appreciated for His Exceptional Generosity

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To the UT Southwestern community:

It is with profound sadness that we have learned of the passing of T. Boone Pickens Jr., a catalyst for progress known for his great generosity, whose contributions have propelled UT Southwestern's research mission. On behalf of the entire UT Southwestern community, our heartfelt sympathy is with Mr. Pickens' entire family.

Mr. Pickens will be remembered for his inspiring entrepreneurialism, committed humanitarianism, and legendary generosity. His valued friendship helped establish a sturdy foundation for UT Southwestern Medical Center's legacy.

His landmark \$50 million gift through the T. Boone Pickens Foundation in 2007 created a special investment fund, which has grown to \$500 million at Southwestern Medical Foundation and is now available to support UT Southwestern's highest priorities in perpetuity.

Mr. Pickens always found novel and inspiring ways to deal with challenges. Throughout his career and life, he worked to ensure both immediate success and ongoing achievement for future generations. His creative solutions to life, business, and philanthropy inspired us all, and stand as extraordinary testament to his visionary approach.

The T. Boone Pickens Biomedical Building now stands in recognition of his landmark generosity. The 800,000-square-foot medical research and education facility on UT Southwestern's North Campus, which was the largest research building ever built for a Texas university at the time, provides scientists with custom-designed space that promotes close contact and the exchange of ideas among researchers in the dozen departments and research centers that occupy the 14-story tower.

Mr. Pickens also provided funds to create the Boone Pickens Endowment Fund for Cardiology and the Boone Pickens Fund for Cancer Research and Treatment Honoring Dr. Eugene Frenkel. He received the Charles Cameron Sprague Community Service Award and served on our President's Research Council.

In addition to its strong support for UT Southwestern's medical research, the T. Boone Pickens Foundation has focused on supporting educational programs, athletics, corporate wellness, at-risk youth, the entrepreneurial process, and conservation and wildlife initiatives. Mr. Pickens was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame and the Texas Business Hall of Fame; he also received the coveted

Horatio Alger Award in 2006, and the 2009 Bower Award for Business Leadership for his business acumen and philanthropy from The Franklin Institute in Philadelphia.

Mr. Pickens had a sincere and deeply felt commitment to helping people through selected giving to institutions that he was confident could multiply his initial investment. We are grateful to have been among those institutions and look forward to fulfilling that commitment.

His extraordinary friendship, vision, and inspiration will be deeply missed.

Sincerely,

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