

UTHSC's leaders foresaw the evolving trends in medical research and practice—from the rise of managed care to the recognition that the best medicine is often preventative medicine, and the revolution in treating diseases through medicine at the molecular level. Their leadership has helped create a new model for academic health centers to follow. Leaders such as Cheves Smythe, M.D., founding dean of the medical school; Reul A. Stallones, M.D., founding dean of the school of public health; Alton Hodges, Ph.D., founding dean of the School of Allied Health Sciences; and Elizabeth C. Jones, founding dean of the school of nursing, all played key roles in building an institution that is on the cutting edge of education and research.

Their success in anticipating the future direction of medical science culminated in 1995 with the establishment a new institute for the 21st century. The Institute of Molecular Medicine for Prevention of Human Diseases. This institute will help doctors and scientists at UTHSC continue to develop breakthrough therapies for widespread chronic diseases such as atherosclerosis, diabetes, and cancer. UTHSC has also been conducting groundbreaking research on the disaster relief and emergency medical services [DREAMS] telemedicine project, which will provide state-of-the-art, emergency medical services to military personnel in remote areas and help field-test recent advances in military telemedicine. This project will test innovative technologies and apply them to real world situations, helping our soldiers in hot spots around the world, and then translate those breakthroughs to civilian medicine to help patients of industrial accidents, natural disasters, and other traumas.

The University of Texas Health Science Center is setting the pace for biomedical research. Between 1989 and 1996, a time when other research institutions struggled, UTHSC research funding by contracts, grants and gifts nearly doubled, growing from \$49 million to \$95 million. Through aggressive research fundraising and the new institute of molecular medicine, the foundation has been laid for even greater success in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the University of Texas Health Science Center for 25 years of excellence and innovation in medicine and wish them greater success as they build for the 21st century.

#### TRIBUTE TO NATALIE GITELMAN

##### HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 1997*

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to pay tribute to Mrs. Natalie Gitelman, for exceptional service to the House of Representatives as our first director of the House Child Care Center. After a decade of dedicated service, she is retiring.

A graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Mrs. Gitelman has committed herself to working with the most delicate among us, our children. Her service and commitment to children dates back to 1953 when, upon receiving her bachelors degree, Mrs. Gitelman began work as a child care worker.

Mrs. Gitelman began her career as a counselor to children destined for foster and adop-

tive families. Her recruitment endeavors and preparatory counseling with natural, foster, and adoptive parents ensured homes for children ranging in age from birth through adolescence.

1966 saw the advent of Mrs. Gitelman's career in education. As the head teacher at Green Acres School in Rockville, MD, she developed and implemented classroom programs for the cooperative school. Over the course of her tenure Mrs. Gitelman handled much of the admissions work, served on the new director search committee and as one of two staff representatives on the board of trustees.

In 1975, she was named head teacher of the early childhood department of Pingry School in Short Hills, NJ and later named director and teacher of Prospect Cooperative Nursery School in Maplewood, NJ. Again she was responsible for the development and implementation of the department's teaching program and admissions criteria.

The following 2 years produced two more teaching opportunities for Mrs. Gitelman at the Prospect Cooperative Nursery School in Maplewood, NJ the Summit Child Care Center in Summit, NJ. And from 1979 until 1984 Mrs. Gitelman served as one of six education coordinators with the Newark Pre-School Council, the Head Start Grantee Agency for Newark, NJ.

Mrs. Gitelman's lifelong endeavor of working with children should not obscure her commitment to learning about them. Though she received her master of science in education from the Bank Street College of Education in 1978 she would continue with nondegree course work on early childhood education and its administration for years thereafter.

In 1984 Mrs. Gitelman was adopted founding director of the United Nations Day Care Centre. It was here that Ms. Gitelman could use her inherent love of children and well fostered administrative skills to construct a model day care program others would strive to emulate.

In fact, in 1987 Mrs. Gitelman was called upon by the House of Representatives to recreate with success a day care program fit for the institution and staff it would support.

Over the past 10 years the House of Representatives Child Care Center has become such a place. Mrs. Gitelman's vision of a warm and healthy sanctuary for children has provided some respite as well for parents, who rest in the knowledge that their children are in a safe and caring environment.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of HRCCC's success as a premier child day care facility and Natalie Gitelman's 10 years of commitment, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting her and wishing her a very happy and active retirement.

#### TRIBUTE TO NORMAN WAYNE WRIGHT

##### HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 1997*

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to pay tribute to Mr. Norman Wayne Wright of Colorado, who was taken from us and sent to the Lord on August 19, 1997. Norman was a dedicated

Republican committed to the beliefs and ideals of the Republican party. He never failed to lend support when it was needed. The Baca Weekly in Colorado described Mr. Wright the following way:

As one who entered this life on August 17, 1954, in Hutchinson, Kansas, to bless the home of George and Madge Wright. There he joined two brothers, Gary and Jerry, and was later joined by a brother Mark, and two sisters, Carol and Melinda. He lived in several different states during his childhood and was graduated from the Lovington High School in Lovington, NM in 1972.

In 1973, Norman joined the Armed Services, where he served for 3 years in the Army until 1976. During that time he was stationed in Fort Leonard Wood, Fort Polk, Fort Riley and for 1 year in Germany. During the early part of his Armed Services stint, he met Paulette Alfrey, and they were married on January 12, 1974. They have shared the blessing and direction of the Lord upon their lives for more than 23 years and their children Shade Harley, Lea Ann, and Gabriel Henry.

When Norman was around 10 years of age, he accepted Christ as his personal savior. The story of the rest of his life could be told in terms of God's gracious dealings in his heart. In July of 1974, he joined the membership of First Baptist Church of Walsh, CO, where he faithfully served the Lord until his passing. He grew to believe that the greatest possession of his life was his relationship to Christ, and the sharing of that relationship with others was his greatest accomplishment. Norman had an open heart and an open home, and he ministered to many people because of it.

Norman had varied interests and abilities. He loved horses; riding them, breaking them, shoeing them, training them and working them. He liked to braid cowboy gear, go hunting, fishing, looking for arrowheads, guiding people through the canyons while explaining the writings and the ancient paintings on the canyon walls, or just sitting down with a good history book, or even Baxter Black's poetry. He enjoyed good simple music with a clear message like one might hear from the Chuckwagon Gang, and he also liked to sing along with friends and his guitar. Family activities were special to him, and getting together with friends, whether for coffee or for branding, brought him a great deal of joy.

Norman volunteered his time to serve in his church, taught a Sunday School class, and ushered faithfully. He has served as a municipal judge, a city council chairman, a representative for "Colorado For Family Values" and as a guest speaker for the Baca County Historical Society. Some of the recent, cherished highlights of his life include fishing with Gabe, taking his family out, going to Indianapolis with John to see Shade and watch the Speedway Races with him, speaking to Boy Scout Troop #71 in Colorado Springs on commitment, sharing in the 25th Anniversary of his parents' pastorate in Junction City, KS, and celebrating his 43rd birthday on Sunday, August 17.

Norman was preceded in death by his brother George Henry Wright Jr. in 1952. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Paulette and children Shade, Lea, and Gabe of the home in Walsh, CO; his parents George and Madge of Junction City, KS; his three brothers, Gary and wife Sheila also of Junction City, KS; Jerry and wife Nita of Chapman, KS; Mark and Alicia of Fredonia, KS; and two sisters, Carol and husband Lionel Martin of Queses, Portugal; and Melinda and husband Rod Thompson of Moore, OK. Also missing him are his father-in-law and mother-in-law Eugene and Verna Lee Alfrey of Walsh, CO, brother-in-law Loyd Brown and