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The Foundation for Biomedical Research Names Dr. Hiram C. Polk Jr. Chairman of its Board of Governors

Dr. Polk is a world-renowned surgeon, researcher, administrator, and Chair Emeritus of the University of Louisville's Department of Surgery

WASHINGTON — The Foundation for Biomedical Research (FBR) today announced its board of governors has unanimously elected Dr. Hiram C. Polk Jr. as chairman of the board. Dr. Polk succeeds the late Dr. Michael E. DeBakey, who was FBR's chairman for nearly 25 years.

"I am honored to represent the Foundation for Biomedical Research as its chairman," said Dr. Polk. "FBR has a unique and important goal: to educate the public about the necessity of research with animals for the future of human and animal health. I've been a surgeon for 40 years, so I know firsthand that the humane and responsible use of animal models in research is integral to the future of medical advancement and scientific discoveries."

For 34 years, Dr. Polk served as chair of the University of Louisville's Department of Surgery. During his tenure, he trained more than 230 general surgeons, more than any other surgery chair in the U.S., and transformed the university's surgical department into one of the nation's leading facilities. Polk's most significant contribution to medicine is his landmark research into the use of perioperative antibiotics. Additionally, Polk helped develop many current protocols for malignant melanoma treatments. Polk received his bachelor's degree from Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi, and his medical degree from Harvard Medical School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Dr. Polk resides in Louisville, Kentucky, is prominent in the world of thoroughbred racing, and is a member of The Jockey Club.

FBR is honored to have the distinguished Dr. Polk serve as its chairman. For more information on FBR and Dr. Polk, please visit FBR's website at www.fbresearch.org.

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