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SENATOR DAVE COGDILL TO VISIT UCSF FRESNO

FRESNO – As part of efforts to better understand issues of importance to Fresno, Senator Dave Cogdill (R-Modesto) will tour the UCSF Fresno Center for Medical Education and Research **tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 23 at 2:30 p.m.** The UCSF Fresno Center is located at 155 N. Fresno Street on the Community Regional Medical Center campus in downtown Fresno.

The senator also will meet privately with UCSF Fresno Associate Dean Joan Voris to learn more about UCSF Fresno's contributions to training medical professionals and providing much needed health care services to Valley residents.

Cogdill was elected as the Representative of the 14th District to the California State Senate in November 2006 after having served as a member of the California State Assembly for six years. The 14th District is comprised of all or portions of the following counties: Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tuolumne.

As an Assemblymember, Cogdill demonstrated his commitment to issues affecting the Valley and foothill communities, including economic development, strengthening public safety, controlling taxes, improving air quality, and expanding water supply and storage opportunities. He also has collaborated with local leaders on many issues concerning rural residents, such as access to health care and quality education.

Background:

UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program has trained approximately one-third of Valley physicians currently practicing in one of the seven specialties in which UCSF Fresno provides training. Since its inception more than 30 years ago, UCSF Fresno has graduated approximately 60 resident physicians every year, totaling more than 2,000 to date. UCSF Fresno faculty and medical residents also care for the overwhelming majority of the area's underserved populations. UCSF Fresno currently trains about 190 medical residents, nearly 200 medical students and one fellow in surgical critical care each year as well as provides academic preparation programs for middle- and high-school students interested in the health professions. UCSF Fresno recently announced plans to begin two new fellowship training programs in cardiology and pulmonary medicine -- expanding the local medical education program's ability to address the shortage of physicians, particularly specialists, in the Valley.

The UCSF Fresno Center for Medical Education and Research serves as the hub for medical education activities. The 82,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art building includes a digital medical library, virtual classrooms, the latest in instructional methods and technologies, and advanced research facilities are planned.

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Media Note: Parking is available on the north side of the building. Entrance is on the south side.