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UNOS Mourns Passing of Former President

(Richmond, VA) UNOS is saddened by the recent death of Dr. Robert J. Corry, President of UNOS and Chairman of the Board of Directors from 1989-1990. Dr. Corry served in a number of capacities over a 14-year period. He joined UNOS as a Regional Councillor and then sat on the Membership and Professional Standards, Ad Hoc Multi Listing and Kidney/Pancreas Transplantation Committees. Prior to serving as UNOS President, Dr. Corry held the offices of UNOS Vice President and UNOS Secretary.

Dr. Corry, 67, was Director of Pancreas Transplantation and Professor of Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh Thomas E. Starzl Transplantation Institute. He performed the first combined liver and pancreas procurement from a single donor and transplanted the organs into two recipients.

Dr. Corry moved to the University of Pittsburgh from the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics after an 18-year tenure that included 10 years as chief of surgery. He was initially recruited to expand the kidney transplant program and he was able to build it into one of the nation's premier programs in terms of survival rates.

Dr. Corry earned his medical degree at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. He served his residency in general surgery as well as a fellowship in transplantation at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

He will be missed for his staunch support of organ donation and transplantation, as well as his surgical and research skills. He had performed more than 350 pancreas transplants, 180 kidney transplants and 50 liver transplants. He published nearly 250 research papers and abstracts. His most recent interests focused on pancreas transplantation and tolerance - the ability of transplanted organs to survive with little or no immunosuppression.

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