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MAYOR JIMMY HARRIS RESIGNS FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WEST TENNESSEE HEALTHCARE

(Jackson, Tennessee, September 28, 2007)...Mayor Jimmy Harris announced today that he is resigning from the Board of Trustees of West Tennessee Healthcare due to his new position as County Mayor.

"When I joined the board in 1997, I had no idea I was about to embark on one of the most rewarding experiences of my life," stated Harris. "It has been a true honor to serve for 10 years with several other committed board members. My respect for Jim Moss as a visionary and servant leader has only deepened over the years. Because of the strong leadership team, the dedicated employees and volunteers, and hundreds of excellent physicians, as mayor, I am extremely proud of what I consider to be the best managed, highest quality healthcare system in the state of Tennessee. While I will miss the many wonderful people, it is reassuring to know that the organization is going to continue its pursuit of excellence in everything it does under the new leadership of Richard Parks, who is already making a positive impact on the system."

Harris, a native of Lexington, has served on the Board of Trustees since 1997 and was chairman from 2000-2002. He currently chairs the Medical Care Review Committee. He has an extensive business background, most currently in the area of real estate development. He became the Mayor of Madison County on July 1, 2007.