Santa Barbara, CA—Scientists around the world are mourning one of their most visionary and generous supporters, Paul F. Glenn who in 1965 founded the Glenn Foundation for Medical Research. Mr. Glenn died on September 29, 2020 at the age of 89.

The mission of the Foundation is to extend the healthy years of life through research on mechanisms of biology that govern normal human aging and its related physiological decline, with the objective of translating research into interventions that will extend healthspan with lifespan.”

Through his Foundation, Mr. Glenn funded more than $100 million in basic research on aging, including the creation of the Paul F. Glenn Centers for the Biology of Aging Research at Harvard, Stanford, MIT, the Salk Institute, the Mayo Clinic, Princeton, Einstein College of Medicine, University of Michigan, and the Buck Institute, and several grant programs developed in cooperation with the non-profit American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR). At his passing, he endowed the Glenn Foundation for Medical Research in perpetuity.
Mr. Glenn’s interest in aging research was deeply personal: an only grandson of aging grandparents, Paul witnessed the challenges of aging and age-related diseases first-hand. The experience left an imprint that formed the basis of his future philanthropic focus.

He served on the Advisory Council of the National Institute on Aging and was a founding member of the Board of Directors of the American Aging Association, American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR), a member of the American Gerontological Society and a founding Trustee of the Buck Institute for Research on Aging.

“Paul F. Glenn epitomized the altruistic passion that drives philanthropy and the visionary mind that advances medical research,” says K. Leonard Judson CEO, Glenn Foundation for Medical Research. “His generous support of the Glenn Centers and numerous other initiatives—most notably with the American Federation for Aging Research—launched and sustained the careers of scientists working to understand the biological processes of aging and advance therapies to extend health as we grow older.”

Paul Foss Glenn was born and raised in Sharon, Pennsylvania. He was a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy (‘48), Princeton University (’52) and Harvard Law School (’55).

His career trading commodity futures spanned almost six decades, during which he was a member of the Chicago Board of Trade and several other commodity exchanges. With his success, Mr. Glenn broadened his investment activities to include oil and gas exploration, venture capital and other areas.

“By endowing the Glenn Foundation for Medical Research to carry on its mission in perpetuity, Paul F. Glenn’s lifework will continue to advance biomedical research to extend healthspan—our years of health.”

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