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**Dr. Charles Hamner Named A Panelist For
“RTP at 50: What’s Next?”**

*Chairman Of The Hamner Institutes For Health Sciences Will Join
Distinguished Leaders To Discuss the Future of RTP*

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C. – The Hamner Institutes for Health Sciences has announced that Dr. Charles Hamner, chair of the board of directors, will be a featured panelist for the discussion “RTP at 50: What’s Next?” on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel Research Triangle Park. The four-person panel will offer insights about RTP as an economic engine and discuss the opportunities likely to emerge in the next few years.

Dr. Hamner was selected to participate on the panel for the many contributions he has made to the biotechnology industry throughout the Southeast. Dr. Hamner led the North Carolina Biotechnology Center, the nation’s first state-sponsored biotech initiative, for 14 years. The state of North Carolina spent millions promoting Dr. Hamner’s biotechnology business plan, but has reaped billions from the effort. His accomplishments played a pivotal role in transforming North Carolina into a booming biotech state and have contributed to its rank among the nation’s top five biotechnology states.

The *Triangle Business Journal* event, “RTP at 50: What’s Next?” panel will convene at the Radisson Hotel Research Triangle Park, located at 150 Park Drive, RTP 27709. Registration and a continental breakfast begin at 7:30 a.m. and the panel presentation starts at 8 a.m. Tickets are \$20 and must be paid prior to the event. For more information, contact Becky Sandefur at 919-327-1004 or email bsandefur@bizjournals.com.

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“We are honored that Charles has been selected among biotechnology industry leaders to participate in the ‘RTP at 50’ panel,” said Dr. William F. Greenlee, president and CEO of The Hamner. “His unique background and continued efforts to advance the biosciences make him an excellent speaker who can share insights about RTP and where to go next as other research parks worldwide attempt to catch up with us.”

About Dr. Charles Hamner:

Charles E. Hamner, D.V.M., Ph.D. is chair of the board of directors at The Hamner Institutes for Health Sciences, located in Research Triangle Park (RTP), North Carolina. Dr. Hamner is well-known for his pivotal role in propelling North Carolina and the RTP to preeminence within the biosciences industry. He is a biotechnology pioneer whose accomplishments have brought a

major new industry to the state. After leading the North Carolina Biotechnology Center for 14 years, Dr. Hamner retired on March 31, 2002. Throughout his research career, Dr. Hamner has authored more than 50 scientific publications, co-authored chapters in 12 books on reproductive physiology and biochemistry, and edited two editions of *Drug Development*. Dr. Hamner maintains membership in the following professional societies: American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Veterinary Medical Association, Biotechnology Industry Organization, Drug Information Association, FASEB, American Physiological Society and Society for the Study of Fertility.

About The Hamner Institutes for Health Sciences:

The Hamner Institutes for Health Sciences is a nonprofit research organization strategically located on a 56-acre campus in the heart of Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. For 35 years, scientists at The Hamner have conducted preeminent research in environmental health sciences and chemical risk assessment. Built upon an integrated systems-biology platform, The Hamner has broadened its mission to include translational research in biopharmaceutical safety, metabolic disorders, and oncology. The site also includes an Accelerator, which houses emerging companies and provides opportunities to develop collaborative research and educational programs with academia, industry, and government. The Hamner model for translational research and technology development integrates innovative science with business development while capitalizing on academic and industry partnerships. The Hamner supports the discovery of new therapeutics and formation of new companies, which leads to research-based public health policy and enhanced economic development. For more information, visit www.thehamner.org or call (919) 558-1200.

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