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HOUSTON -- Dr. Reuel Stallones, 62, the first and only dean of The University of Texas School of Public Health at Houston, died early Sunday, June 22.

Stallones died at M.D. Anderson Hospital after a lengthy battle with cancer.

The School of Public Health Building was just dedicated and renamed the Reuel A. Stallones Building on June 13 in honor of Stallones' contributions to the program and to public health.

"It would be difficult to overemphasize the importance of Dr. Stallones' contribution to this Health Science Center, not only through his deanship of the School of Public Health, but also because of the fresh ideas, candor and openness he brought to everyone with whom he came in contact," Health Science Center President Roger J. Bulger said.

"A person and an educator of uncommon creativity, his philosophy that a university is an environment which fosters learning and pursuit of truth rather than an institution that certifies competence, checks progress and weeds out the non-producers offers a perspective from which all of us should profit," Bulger said.

"All of us who knew 'Stony,'" the president added, "will miss him for his leadership and, perhaps more importantly, for the stimulating atmosphere created by his very presence."

Before his illness with cancer became known publicly, Stallones had announced his plan to retire in 1988. Bulger appointed a select committee to advise on the future course of the school after Stallones' retirement. Ironically, the group was assembling in Houston for its first meeting this week when Stallones died.

Bulger has not announced who will serve as interim dean.

Stallones, who was one of the world's foremost epidemiologists, was the James Wade Rockwell Professor in Public Health.

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