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The staff of the Institute of Dental Research and the School of Dentistry, University of Alabama in Birmingham, takes great pride in being invited to contribute to a *Festschrift* issue of the *Journal of Dental Research* in honor of Dr. Seymour Kreshover.

Dr. Kreshover has led a distinguished career. For many years, he and his associates provided the direction of dental science. By virtue of his leadership, the scientific stature of dental science has greatly increased, and now can be equated with other respected scientific disciplines both in the United States and abroad.

A fine achievement of Dr. Seymour Kreshover and his advisers was the development of regional institutes of dental research. These centers were designed to be centers of scientific excellence; they are following this guideline.

This has been a conspicuous guideline of Dr. Kreshover's own career—the promotion of excellence in dental science. This is truly a noble objective and the major achievements in moving toward reaching this objective is a tribute to his leadership and executive abilities. It is now our task to advance.

The papers submitted to this issue of the *Journal of Dental Research* by the faculty of the Institute of Dental Research and the School of Dentistry at the University of Alabama in Birmingham are offered as a token of our appreciation for Dr. Kreshover's scientific leadership for many years.

*Harold M. Fullmer, Director*