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**UNITED THERAPEUTICS ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF
RAYMOND KURZWEIL TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Silver Spring, MD, January 11, 2002: United Therapeutics Corporation (Nasdaq: UTHR) announced today that Raymond Kurzweil has been appointed as a Director of the Company.

Raymond Kurzweil is Chairman and CEO of Medical Learning Company, a joint venture with the American Board of Family Physicians, that provides professional quality instructional materials to physicians. He is also an inventor of several widely-used information technologies and the founder of several high tech companies. Mr. Kurzweil has been recognized by three U.S. Presidents for his achievements and contributions. In 1999 he was awarded the National Medal of Technology, the nation's highest award for technological achievement. He is also a director of Inforte Corp. (Nasdaq: INFT), a technology consulting company.

Mr. Kurzweil succeeds Shelmer D. Blackburn, Jr., who resigned this month as a director and officer of United Therapeutics citing personal reasons. Mr. Kurzweil joins the Company's Board of Directors that includes Ricardo Balda, M.S., David Gooray, M.D., Henry Beecher Hicks, III, M.B.A., Michael C. Miles, M.B.A, Martine A. Rothblatt, Ph.D., J.D., M.B.A., and Noah A. Samara, J.D., M.S.F.S.

United Therapeutics is a biotechnology company focused on combating cardiovascular, infectious and oncological diseases with unique therapeutic products.

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