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***Brown and Goldstein honored by
University of Chicago and Rensselaer

DALLAS--Dr. Michael S. Brown and Dr. Joseph L. Goldstein were the recipients of two honorary doctorates each this spring. They received Doctor of Science degrees from the University of Chicago June 12 and from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., May 21.

The honorary degrees were presented at the universities' commencement ceremonies.

Goldstein is chairman of the Department of Biophysics and Molecular Genetics, and Brown directs the Center for Genetic Diseases at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas. They are co-holders of The Paul J. Thomas Chair in Medicine.

The citation from the University of Chicago read:

"Since 1973, Michael S. Brown and Joseph L. Goldstein have embarked on a series of pioneering studies which have led to exciting new knowledge on the genetic basis of disorders of lipid metabolism. Their original discovery that many cells in the body have receptors for one of the major lipoprotein classes has served as a model for studying receptor disorders in general and has also led to the establishment of the molecular defect of the disease known as familial hypercholesterolemia, one of the common genetic disorders affecting man. These discoveries have created a new and exciting research climate which has facilitated important advances in the pathogenesis of cardiovascular disorders and their treatment.

"Joseph L. Goldstein and Michael S. Brown are certainly among the leading medical scientists of our era. Their relentless outstanding productivity has had a profound impact on biology and medicine and on the field of science in general."

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