Throughout our nation's history, the Congressional Gold Medal has been awarded sparingly in recognition of the tremendous accomplishments that it takes to earn this high honor. The recipients of this medal who have come from the world of science are few, but they are iconic, they include Thomas Edison, Walter Reed, and Jonas Salk.

Dr. Michael DeBakey is the recipient of the Jonathan Club 2006 Reagan Distinguished American Award.

The DeBakey Legacy

Michael DeBakey's significant contributions and achievements in the field of medicine stem from a family legacy the DeBakey parents passed on to him and his siblings. Their gift to their children was instilling the immeasurable value and necessity of education, compassion, and obligation to give back to mankind. No wonder that sisters Lois and Selma DeBakey have also continued to uphold the family legacy as communication pioneers in the field of medicine and science. Lois and Selma have committed their careers toward helping doctors communicate with their patients in a more practical, comprehensive, and effective method. Encouraged on by their brother, Lois and Selma have dedicated their lives to supporting the work of Dr. Michael DeBakey and continually improving the doctor-patient dialogue.

Today Lois and Selma are professors at the Texas Medical Center Baylor College of Medicine, and just one door down from their brother's offices. They credit their family's success with the strong family values their parents instilled in them at a young age. "Never in history has such a great man had two sisters who supported and helped him as much as these two. They are part of his legacy," said a friend and colleague Dr. Philip A. Salem.

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