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**Boris Catz, M.D., Receives
American Thyroid Association
Distinguished Service Award**

Falls Church, VA, October 12, 2002—The American Thyroid Association (ATA) is pleased to announce that tonight it will bestow a belated 2001 Distinguished Service Award upon Boris Catz, M.D. This award recognizes a member who has made important and continuing contributions to the Association. Because Dr. Catz could not attend last year's ATA Annual Meeting in Washington, this year's 74th Annual Meeting has come to him in his longtime hometown of Los Angeles.

Dr. Catz was born in Russia in 1923, the same year that the ATA was founded. He earned his B.S. and M.D. degrees at the National University of Mexico, and stayed in Mexico for postgraduate training and a faculty appointment. He came to the U.S. in 1948 for postgraduate training at the University of Southern California, and there he completed a research fellowship and an M.S. in medicine. Except for a two-year stint in the Army, Dr. Catz has served on the USC faculty since 1952 and has been a clinical professor of medicine since 1983. He has been senior consultant to the Thyroid Clinic at USC Los Angeles Medical Center since 1970. He also served as chief of the Thyroid Clinic at Los Angeles County General Hospital and clinical chief of endocrinology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. He authored two editions of the book *Thyroid Case Studies*. He is known for his pioneering work in the treatment of myxedema coma (coma in severe hypothyroidism) and exophthalmos (abnormal protrusion of the eyes, caused by Graves' disease). While Dr. Catz's loyalty and generosity to the ATA are exemplary—a member since 1954, he is a major donor—he has also been a member and officer of countless other medical societies. Somehow he also finds time for a private practice in Beverly Hills.

The American Thyroid Association is the North American professional society for physicians and researchers specializing in diseases of the thyroid gland. The ATA promotes excellence and innovation in clinical care, research, education, and public advocacy. The web site is www.thyroid.org.

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