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DAVID TAKAYOSHI SUZUKI

During your distinguished career as a geneticist, you have made a lasting contribution to our understanding of the nervous system by your work in unraveling the mystery of mutations in insects.

Your interest in science and in the ethics of science enabled you to merge your scientific knowledge in genetics with your deep commitment to civil rights. As a scientist you were particularly aware and concerned with the misuse of principles and findings of eugenics which led to such phenomena as antimiscegenation laws, racial immigration quotas, and racial genocide. Your fear of the misuse of science encouraged you to change your career emphasis from science to education.

As an educator, you have made a significant contribution to the enlightenment of the lay public about science and its consequences. You have, in your many appearances on radio and television, both in Canada and America, become one of the master teachers in the Western Hemisphere.

We at Governors State University who are engaged in the important process of education and are fellow users of the media of television salute you as an uncompromising scholar, a master teacher, and a generous friend of humanity.