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<< Gary B. Schuster Provost and Professor, School of Chemistry, Georgia Institute of Technology Atlanta, Ga., USA >>

<< -- For their pioneering research of electron charge transfer in DNA.

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<< Benjamin List Professor and Director, Max Planck Institute for Coal Research, Mulheim an der Ruhr, Germany, and Honorary Professor, University of Cologne Cologne, Germany >>

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