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In 1993, Dr. Thorpy was awarded one of the sleep field's highest honors: The Nathaniel Kleitman Award from the American Sleep Disorders Association.