Dr. Joseph Parello received the Legion of Honor medal, in the rank of knight, during a private ceremony at the Vanderbilt University in Nashville on April 30, 2013. Annick Suzor-Weiner, Ph.D., Science Counselor at the Embassy of France in the United States officiated the ceremony.

Dr. Parello is currently a Visiting Scholar at Vanderbilt University-Department of Pharmacology, he also led an impressive multidisciplinary career at the CNRS (French National Research Center) from 1961 to 2004, during which he worked to “integrate the molecular world in the functioning of the living.” For his work, he has received numerous awards, including three in France: the Prix National de Biophysique from the Ministry of Research and Higher Education (1984), the Prix Dhéré from The National Academy of Sciences (1993), and the Prix Girard from the National Academy of Pharmacologie (1994). Great scientist, Joseph Parello is also a talented artist who is constantly working to enhance the Franco-American friendship.

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