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National Inventors Hall of Fame induction ceremony to air on PBS 45 & 49

KENT, Ohio — May 9, 2006 — PBS 45 & 49 will air highlights from the National Inventors Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Friday, May 26 at 10 p.m. The following eight living inventors and their inventions were featured at the May 6 induction ceremony:

- Willard Boyle and George Smith: Charge-coupled device
- Vinton Cerf and Robert Kahn: Internet protocol
- Robert Gore: ePTFE, known by the GORE-TEX brand name
- Ali Javan: Helium-neon laser
- Robert Langer, Jr.: Controlled drug delivery
- Julio Palmaz: Intravascular stent

Another group of inventors received posthumous recognition at a ceremony held on May 5. They included innovators such as Dale Kleist, Games Slayter and John Thomas of Owens Corning, who created fiberglass; Harvey Firestone, who developed pneumatic rubber tires; and Gregory Pincus, inventor of the contraceptive pill. Many inductees spanning the 18th and 19th centuries also were recognized for a diverse array of inventions.

About the National Inventors Hall of Fame

The National Inventors Hall of Fame is the premier not-for-profit organization in America dedicated to recognizing, honoring and encouraging invention and creativity through the administration of its programs. The Hall of Fame honors the men and women responsible for the great technological advances that make human, social and economic progress possible.

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