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Amanda Meeker of the Museum of History, Women and the Arts describes the Cesar Chavez exhibit.



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Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger (right) congratulates inductee actor-director Clint Eastwood.

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First honorees inducted into the California Hall of Fame

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SACRAMENTO — Architect Frank Gehry, writer Alice Walker and actor-director Clint Eastwood were inducted Wednesday night into the new California Hall of Fame, which honors achievements in the arts, politics, science, entertainment and sports.

Other honorees included tennis champion Billie Jean King, astronaut Sally Ride and AIDS researcher Dr. David Ho. Posthumous awards went to Ronald Reagan, Cesar Chavez, Walt Disney, the aviator Amelia Earhart and the naturalist John Muir. The Hearst and Packard families also were honored.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger

To learn more

The Web site for the California Museum for History, Women and the Arts is www.california-museum.org.

and first lady Maria Shriver, who conceived the state hall of fame idea, presided over the event at the California Museum for History, Women and the Arts in downtown Sacramento.

Schwarzenegger, who selected the honorees based on recommendations from a committee, opened the ceremony with a tribute to Reagan.

"He sounded the trumpet of freedom and lived to see the walls

of repression come tumbling down," the governor said.

All the living inductees attended the ceremony, along with members of the Reagan, Chavez, Disney, Earhart and Muir families.

The honorees took turns inducting one another into the hall of fame, like actors at an Oscars ceremony.

Dr. Ho inducted Ride, the first American woman in space, noting that she became an astronaut after answering a help wanted ad placed by NASA. For the first time, it said women as well as men would be accepted.

"Seven thousand men and 1,251 women answered the ad," Ho said. "Twenty-nine men and six women were accepted. Sally Ride is the on-



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Portraits of the first 13 inductees line the lobby of the California Museum of History, Women and the Arts. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger selected the honorees based on recommendations from a committee.

ly one who made history."

After Wednesday's ceremony, the museum will reopen to the public with the new hall of fame exhibit. It includes a piece of the Berlin Wall, in honor of the role Reagan played in bringing it down when the Cold War ended.

The flight suit Earhart wore on

her solo transatlantic flight in 1932 also will be on display, along with the wooden tennis racket King used to win her sixth singles title at Wimbledon in 1975.

Visitors will be able to see the letter President Theodore Roosevelt wrote to Muir before a camping trip to Yosemite the men took.

The trip persuaded Roosevelt to make Yosemite a national park.

Other artifacts include Gehry's original sketches for the Walt Disney Concert Hall he designed in Los Angeles, memorabilia from Eastwood's film career and Hewlett-Packard's first personal computer from 1980.