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Sarah hoists laurels at Queen's Park

Belleville's super steel senior lifter Dec 7/99 honoured again p. 10

Belleville's Sarah Thompson was one of four Ontario residents Monday to receive the International Year of Older Persons Legacy Award at the Ontario Heritage Centre.

Thompson is a record-setting disabled weight lifter who hasn't let blindness keep her from traveling the world and winning numerous championships.

She's a member of the Belleville Sports Hall of Fame.

A serious retina problem cost Thompson her sight and later she was partially paralyzed by a stroke.

She has gone on to hold every Canadian record in the Blind Masters Division in the 3,000 and 100-metre dash, the long jump,

discus, javelin and shot put.

Thompson is a 10-time Canadian champion and has won gold medals in power lifting championships around the world.



Sarah Thompson

Prince Edward-Hastings MPP Ernie Parsons praised her at Queen's Park Monday, rising in the legislature to chronicle her achievements.

"I don't do it for praise or glory. I do it for myself," Thompson said.

She was joined at the presentation by husband Harold and former area MPP Doug Rollins.

Thompson was inducted to the Belleville Sports Hall of Fame in 1987.

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