Many thanks . . .

**What a thrill** it is to be here tonight ... in this **very special place** . . . where we see many tracks left by those who’ve gone before ... and where we can ponder and wonder where it’s all headed next ..

You see, that’s **the greatness** of our **wonderful field** of computing: it provides us with the intellectual power-tools and social interaction-tools to ever-further explore the greatest of frontier ... the **frontier of what it’s possible** to do.

I feel **especially honored** to enter the Hall of Fellows, a place where so many of my personal heroes already reside.

And it’s wonderful to **meet and share** war-stories with friends and colleagues. Even more than the tracks left behind, it’s our **memories of team** we joined and the **adventures** we went-on together, that count.

**Flying out** here I **recalled another flight** almost **50 years ago**, back in 1965. I was in my 20’s and on the team architecting a secret new IBM supercomputer.

My suitcase held **the lab-notes** for the machine’s architectural simulator. And as we flew along, I studied a **spellbinding new book**: Steve Roper’s “Climber’s Guide to Yosemite Valley.”

Along with thousands of other young engineers **streaming into Silicon Valley** ... I was being **inexorably pulled along** by a sense of serious adventures ahead.

When I **found myself at Xerox PARC** in 1973, I know idea **how wild** this was going to become ... it was a magical place where **folks were finding gold everywhere** and rushing about sharing it with everyone else, **collectively launching** the modern personal-computer revolution.

Meanwhile, under the **leadership** of **Bert and Ivan Sutherland**, some of us teamed-up, figured-things-out and showed folks how to exploratorily-craft complex digital-machines and how to get them printed in silicon. What a time it was!

**Many here** shared in those adventures . . . it’s so wonderful to see you again ... I’d **particularly like to recognize** some very special people at my table:

**Bert Sutherland** and his wife Sylvia ... One of the great research managers, Bert took a big chance on me and was my mentor and coach all along the way. I couldn’t have done all that stuff without his guidance.

**Dick Lyon** and his wife Peggy Asprey ... Dick is one of the great engineering explorers ... back on our **ascents of big walls** of microelectronics we’d often look up and wonder. . . **Oh geez**, can **anyone lead** this next pitch? And Dick would take the lead, make the crux moves and bring us up. We’d never have made the tops without him.

And my **husband and soulmate**, **Charles Rogers** ... we been together 26 years now, and enjoyed a succession of one more adventure after another!

**Looking ahead**, I’d like us to reflect on all the **adventurous young people** now steaming into Silicon-Valleys all around the world, hoping to join in, and team-up and engineer ever-better futures.

What **words can we leave** to guide **them**, **their children**, and their children’s children – so they can go surfing together, high-atop ever-more wondrous **incoming waves of innovation**? I’m reminded of legendary French writer and aviator Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, who said:

“If you **want to build a ship**, don’t drum up people to collect wood and don’t assign them tasks and work, but rather **teach them to long** for the **endless immensity of the sea**.