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May 1, 2005

Sudabeh Shoja – The 2005 Recipient of the Hoover Medal

I am announcing with great pleasure and pride that the Hoover Medal Board of Award has approved my nomination of Ms. Sudabeh Shoja for the Hoover Medal and as such, Ms. Shoja, an Iranian-American, is the second woman to receive this prestigious award in its 75-year history. She is recognized for her engineering expertise and humanitarian efforts.

Her name follows other recipients such as President Hoover in 1930, President Eisenhower in 1960 and President Carter in 1998 (Please see attached). This is the highest award given to an engineer who has made significant contributions to humanity. The award is given by unanimous selection of The American Society of Civil Engineers, The American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers, The American Institute of Chemical Engineers, The American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

The Hoover Medal, founded in 1929, was established with the purpose of recognizing the public service of engineers who have gone outside their professional work to involve themselves in civic and humanitarian affairs. Ms. Shoja is a resident of Southern California and by coincidence the annual American Society of Civil Engineers' (ASCE) Congress event will be held in Los Angeles in October 2005. The Hoover Gold Medal will be formally presented to Ms. Shoja at that Congress.

Sudabeh Shoja is the Secretary of the Board for International Orphan Care (highlighted in this letterhead). She is also the President of Children's Hope International Literacy and Development (C.H.I.L.D.), an organization that she co-founded with board members and volunteers from Child Foundation after branching off from that organization in 2004.

She started her humanitarian work at the very young age of 12 as a girl scout by serving food in orphanages in Iran. Her tireless efforts ever since have helped improve the lives of thousands of children all over the world.

Sincerely,

INTERNATIONAL ORPHAN CARE

Hasan Nouri, P.E. FASCE

Founder and Past Chairman of the Board

HOOVER MEDALISTS

The Medal has been awarded sixty-one times. Following is the list of recipients.

1930 Herbert Hoover	1971 Luis A. Ferri
1936 Ambrose Swasey	1972 Frederick R. Kappel
1938 John Frank Stevens	1973 William J. Hedley
1939 Gano Dunn	1974 David Packard
1941 D. Robert Yarnall	1975 James Boyd
1942 Gerard Swope	1976 James B. Fisk
1944 Ralph Edward Flanders	1977 Peter C. Goldmark
1945 William Henry Harrison	1978 Donald C. Burnham
1946 Vannovar Bush	1979 Charles M. Brinckerhoff
1948 Malcolm Pirnie	1980 Stephen D. Bechtel, Jr.
1949 Frank B. Jewett	1981 Arnold O. Beckman
1950 Karl T. Compton	1982 Michel T. Halbouty
1951 William Loren Batt	1983 Joseph J. Jacobs
1952 Clarence D. Howe	1984 Kenneth A. Roe
1954 Alfred P. Sloan, Jr.	1985 Robert C. West
1955 Charles F. Kettering	1986 Lawrence P. Grayson
1956 Herbert Hoover, Jr.	1987 Martin Goland
1957 Scott Turner	1988 William R. Gianelli
1958 Raymond A. Wheeler	1989 John J. McKetta
1959 Henry T. Heald	1990 Joseph M. Rodgers
1960 Dwight David Eisenhower	1991 Haldor F. Topsoe
1961 Mervin J. Kelly	1992 Roland W. Schmitt
1962 Walker Lee Cisler	1993 Mario G. Salvadori
1963 James R. Killian, Jr.	1994 William J. Carroll
1964 John Alex McCone	1995 Dean Kamen
1966 Lillian Moller Gilbreth	1996 M. Hasan Nouri
1967 Lucius D. Clay	1997 Otto J. Helweg
1968 Sir Harold Hartley	1998 James Earl Carter, Jr.
1969 Edgar F. Kaiser	2001 Richard H. Stanley
1970 John Erik Jonsson	2002 Charles H. Thornton

2003 Barry K. Thacker

The Medal was presented to Barry K. Thacker by Beatrice E. Hunt, chair of the 2004 Hoover Medal Board of Award, during the Honorary Members Luncheon on November 15, 2003 at the American Society of Civil Engineers Annual Conference at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

THE HOOVER MEDAL

The Hoover Medal, founded in 1929, was established to recognize great, unselfish, non-technical services by engineers to humanity. The inspiration to establish the award was supplied by the devotion and ability of Herbert Hoover and a group of engineering associates who sought to solve the problems of the nation from the beginning of World War I to the reestablishment of the injured nations. On April 8, 1930 the name of the Medal and the first recipient were chosen. The first Hoover Medal was awarded to President Hoover, then President of the United States, in commemoration of his civic and humanitarian achievements and was presented at the ASME Fiftieth Anniversary Dinner in Washington, D.C.

To honor engineers whose preeminent services have advanced the well-being of humanity and whose talents have been devoted to the development of a richer and more enduring civilization, the engineering societies award the Hoover Medal in recognition and appreciation of civic and humanitarian achievements.

The trust fund creating the Hoover Medal was the gift of Conrad N. Lauer, established on August 1, 1929. It is held by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and is administered by the Board of Award consisting of representatives of the American Society of Civil Engineers, American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, American Institute of Chemical Engineers, and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. The Medal was executed by John Flanagan.