

Lowell Thomas, Jr., lieutenant governor of Alaska, and his father were jointly awarded the distinguished Gold Medal of the National Institute of Social Sciences in New York.

The Thomases were honored in recognition of their significant contributions to American society.

Founded in 1865, the Institute of Social Sciences brings together men and women who share an abiding interest in

the cultural and spiritual values of American life and who have made a substantive contribution to the maintenance of such values.

This year the Institute recognized five individuals whose efforts in these fields have been outstanding.

The two Thomases were joined in receiving this award by fellow honorees: Nancy Hanks, Donald K. Slayton and William E. Simon.