

Henderson named to Order of Ontario

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Mississauga hockey great Paul Henderson has a new medal to add to his trophy case.

Best known for scoring Team Canada's winning goal in the 1972 Summit Series

in the Soviet Union against the Russian team, Henderson is among 25 new recipients of the Order of Ontario.



They received Ontario's highest honour from Lt.-Gov. David Henderson Onley in a ceremony at Queen's Park last Thursday.

Premier Kathleen Wynne thanked all the recipients for their "remarkable" contributions to Ontario.

"You are our role models, our trailblazers and our beacons of hope," she said.

In addition to Henderson, *TVOntario* host Steve Paikin, Toronto International Film Festival director Piets Handling and George E. Carter, the first Canadian-born black judge, also were among the recipients.

The Order of Ontario was created in 1986 and recognizes the highest level of individual excellence and achievement in any field.

As far as honours go, Henderson has had a couple of very good years. In 2012, he was awarded the Order of Canada and his 1972 team earned a star on Canada's Walk of Fame.

Last year he was inducted into the International Hockey Hall of Fame and, closer to home, into the inaugural class of Mississauga's Legends Row.

Henderson had a respectable professional career with almost 500 points through 13 NHL seasons, including back-to-back 30-plus goal seasons with the Toronto Maple Leafs in 1970-71 and 1971-72.

He has called Mississauga home for more than 40 years. He's been recognized by having a street named after him in Churchill Meadows as well as a rink named after him in Tomken Arena.

Henderson, who turned 71 yesterday, is fighting chronic lymphocytic leukemia, a form of cancer he was diagnosed with in 2009.