



1  
00:00:33,910 --> 00:00:32,069  
sally wright is famous of course

2  
00:00:35,030 --> 00:00:33,920  
as the first american woman to fly in

3  
00:00:38,389 --> 00:00:35,040  
space

4  
00:00:39,750 --> 00:00:38,399  
as the first female astronaut

5  
00:00:42,310 --> 00:00:39,760  
but to me

6  
00:00:44,470 --> 00:00:42,320  
and to all of us in her astronaut class

7  
00:00:47,350 --> 00:00:44,480  
many of whom are here today

8  
00:00:48,470 --> 00:00:47,360  
she was just sally a very bright very

9  
00:00:50,950 --> 00:00:48,480  
quiet

10  
00:00:55,110 --> 00:00:50,960  
and very determined young woman

11  
00:00:59,670 --> 00:00:56,950  
like another famous astronaut who left

12  
00:01:01,750 --> 00:00:59,680  
us this year neil armstrong sally was a

13  
00:01:05,189 --> 00:01:01,760

very private person

14

00:01:06,870 --> 00:01:05,199

who refused to cash in on her fame

15

00:01:09,830 --> 00:01:06,880

she handled the attention and the

16

00:01:13,270 --> 00:01:09,840

pressure with grace and dignity

17

00:01:15,429 --> 00:01:13,280

and all as all the first six women did

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00:01:17,749 --> 00:01:15,439

sally always took her responsibility as

19

00:01:19,590 --> 00:01:17,759

a role model for millions of young girls

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00:01:23,030 --> 00:01:19,600

quite seriously

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00:01:24,550 --> 00:01:23,040

and for that i'm immensely grateful

22

00:01:25,830 --> 00:01:24,560

we had dinner last night with our

23

00:01:28,710 --> 00:01:25,840

six-year-old

24

00:01:30,069 --> 00:01:28,720

twin granddaughters abby and anna

25

00:01:32,710 --> 00:01:30,079

and they informed me that they were

26

00:01:34,069 --> 00:01:32,720

studying space in their first grade this

27

00:01:37,030 --> 00:01:34,079

week

28

00:01:39,270 --> 00:01:37,040

and they told me about neil armstrong

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00:01:40,390 --> 00:01:39,280

and sally wright

30

00:01:42,230 --> 00:01:40,400

for some reason

31

00:01:43,990 --> 00:01:42,240

abby had trouble pronouncing neil

32

00:01:46,389 --> 00:01:44,000

armstrong's name she thought that was

33

00:01:48,069 --> 00:01:46,399

one name neil armstrong

34

00:01:50,469 --> 00:01:48,079

but they had no trouble pronouncing

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00:01:52,469 --> 00:01:50,479

sally ride's name

36

00:01:55,190 --> 00:01:52,479

anna asked me if i'd ever met neil

37

00:01:58,149 --> 00:01:55,200

armstrong or sally wright

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00:01:59,749 --> 00:01:58,159

when i said i had she said i was very

39

00:02:01,270 --> 00:01:59,759

lucky

40

00:02:03,270 --> 00:02:01,280

someday when they're old enough to

41

00:02:04,310 --> 00:02:03,280

understand i'll explain just how lucky i

42

00:02:06,310 --> 00:02:04,320

was

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00:02:07,109 --> 00:02:06,320

and indeed how fortunate our nation has

44

00:02:09,270 --> 00:02:07,119

been

45

00:02:11,510 --> 00:02:09,280

to have sally among us

46

00:02:13,830 --> 00:02:11,520

leading the way and setting the example

47

00:02:16,150 --> 00:02:13,840

for generations of young people

48

00:02:17,430 --> 00:02:16,160

you know back in 1978

49

00:02:19,589 --> 00:02:17,440

um

50

00:02:22,470 --> 00:02:19,599

obviously what caught my attention when

51  
00:02:23,910 --> 00:02:22,480  
that class was uh was announced was it

52  
00:02:25,830 --> 00:02:23,920  
was the first class with women and

53  
00:02:26,790 --> 00:02:25,840  
minorities and

54  
00:02:28,790 --> 00:02:26,800  
really

55  
00:02:30,470 --> 00:02:28,800  
kind of opened up a whole new era in the

56  
00:02:31,509 --> 00:02:30,480  
astronaut core

57  
00:02:34,070 --> 00:02:31,519  
and

58  
00:02:36,309 --> 00:02:34,080  
like many other women about my age at

59  
00:02:38,550 --> 00:02:36,319  
that time it was a hugely important

60  
00:02:39,589 --> 00:02:38,560  
milestone to find that there was a

61  
00:02:41,430 --> 00:02:39,599  
career

62  
00:02:43,110 --> 00:02:41,440  
that was now open to women that had been

63  
00:02:46,710 --> 00:02:43,120

closed before

64

00:02:48,390 --> 00:02:46,720

and so for sally and judy and kathy and

65

00:02:51,670 --> 00:02:48,400

three others who are here with us today

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00:02:54,869 --> 00:02:51,680

shannon ray and anna

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00:02:57,910 --> 00:02:54,879

they they made news across the country

68

00:03:00,309 --> 00:02:57,920

and all six of them really inspired many

69

00:03:02,470 --> 00:03:00,319

many women since then

70

00:03:05,190 --> 00:03:02,480

one of the key things she did

71

00:03:07,430 --> 00:03:05,200

was starting sally ride science

72

00:03:09,750 --> 00:03:07,440

uh we still have a problem in this

73

00:03:11,750 --> 00:03:09,760

country of trying to inspire

74

00:03:14,149 --> 00:03:11,760

uh young women

75

00:03:16,830 --> 00:03:14,159

to be interested in technical things

76  
00:03:20,550 --> 00:03:16,840  
like math and science and engineering

77  
00:03:21,350 --> 00:03:20,560  
and i believe that uh sally's efforts

78  
00:03:24,390 --> 00:03:21,360  
there

79  
00:03:27,270 --> 00:03:24,400  
will be uh probably long remembered um

80  
00:03:29,030 --> 00:03:27,280  
more so of more importance than actually

81  
00:03:30,630 --> 00:03:29,040  
being on the first flight but being on

82  
00:03:33,509 --> 00:03:30,640  
the first flight allowed her to have the

83  
00:03:36,789 --> 00:03:33,519  
credibility to do that

84  
00:03:38,149 --> 00:03:36,799  
sally's life was cut too short but she

85  
00:03:40,710 --> 00:03:38,159  
made

86  
00:03:41,750 --> 00:03:40,720  
her mark on this earth she for gender

87  
00:03:46,630 --> 00:03:41,760  
for the

88  
00:03:47,830 --> 00:03:46,640

and she'll ever forever be remembered

89

00:03:50,789 --> 00:03:47,840

for that

90

00:03:55,350 --> 00:03:53,030

and so we gather on this warm summer day

91

00:03:59,670 --> 00:03:55,360

in this space surrounded by

92

00:04:03,270 --> 00:03:59,680

generations of heroes

93

00:04:04,390 --> 00:04:03,280

with you we hold up sally as one of your

94

00:04:07,190 --> 00:04:04,400

own

95

00:04:12,149 --> 00:04:07,200

as she was ours

96

00:04:14,630 --> 00:04:12,159

with you we mourn her untimely loss

97

00:04:17,590 --> 00:04:14,640

with you we say goodbye

98

00:04:32,629 --> 00:04:17,600

and we celebrate her life which was

99

00:04:32,639 --> 00:04:43,030

thank you

100

00:04:43,040 --> 00:05:14,629

this is

101  
00:05:17,430 --> 00:05:15,909  
we have uh

102  
00:05:19,430 --> 00:05:17,440  
sally's sister and some of the family

103  
00:05:20,790 --> 00:05:19,440  
members if they have any words we'll put

104  
00:05:22,310 --> 00:05:20,800  
them on the horn right here for real

105  
00:05:23,749 --> 00:05:22,320  
quick

106  
00:05:26,710 --> 00:05:23,759  
yeah and i have a couple words first and

107  
00:05:28,950 --> 00:05:26,720  
foremost to say hey uh you know today's

108  
00:05:31,350 --> 00:05:28,960  
a special day a good remembrance of

109  
00:05:32,469 --> 00:05:31,360  
sally who uh paved the way for so many

110  
00:05:35,110 --> 00:05:32,479  
of us

111  
00:05:36,950 --> 00:05:35,120  
i don't think i would be here um without

112  
00:05:43,990 --> 00:05:36,960  
her having done the things she did so we

113  
00:05:47,350 --> 00:05:45,510

press the button

114

00:05:49,189 --> 00:05:47,360

that's really nice of you to say and it

115

00:05:51,189 --> 00:05:49,199

looks like you're having as much fun as

116

00:05:55,909 --> 00:05:51,199

sally had from what i

117

00:05:58,469 --> 00:05:56,710

i'm

118

00:06:00,550 --> 00:05:58,479

sure they were wonderful she was a

119

00:06:01,670 --> 00:06:00,560

wonderful personality unfortunately i

120

00:06:03,189 --> 00:06:01,680

only had the

121

00:06:05,350 --> 00:06:03,199

opportunity to meet her sort of from a

122

00:06:08,950 --> 00:06:05,360

distance watching her talk to a bunch of

123

00:06:11,029 --> 00:06:08,960

kids a very dynamic amazing personality

124

00:06:13,189 --> 00:06:11,039

that got so many of us in the program

125

00:06:15,350 --> 00:06:13,199

today and like i said i wouldn't be up

126  
00:06:17,189 --> 00:06:15,360  
here for a second time in space me and

127  
00:06:19,350 --> 00:06:17,199  
aki enjoying this wonderful space

128  
00:06:21,990 --> 00:06:19,360  
station without people you know like her

129  
00:06:24,309 --> 00:06:22,000  
and her specifically you know inspiring

130  
00:06:26,309 --> 00:06:24,319  
us to uh to take on this type of a

131  
00:06:28,550 --> 00:06:26,319  
profession and particularly at the time

132  
00:06:30,790 --> 00:06:28,560  
when you know there wasn't very many

133  
00:06:33,189 --> 00:06:30,800  
women out there doing this type of stuff

134  
00:06:36,469 --> 00:06:33,199  
um she really made the made us think

135  
00:06:39,189 --> 00:06:36,479  
that we can do anything we want to do

136  
00:06:41,510 --> 00:06:39,199  
thank you so much for saying that and

137  
00:06:44,469 --> 00:06:41,520  
you know i've got my kids here and

138  
00:06:48,230 --> 00:06:46,629

and they they really appreciate these

139

00:06:49,909 --> 00:06:48,240

stories that they've heard in the last

140

00:06:52,550 --> 00:06:49,919

day or two about

141

00:06:54,070 --> 00:06:52,560

about sally and we appreciate it and we

142

00:06:57,029 --> 00:06:54,080

have a little we have a little something

143

00:07:00,629 --> 00:06:57,039

for you hang on okay everybody

144

00:07:08,309 --> 00:07:00,639

happy birthday to you

145

00:07:15,350 --> 00:07:08,319

happy birthday dear funny

146

00:07:18,309 --> 00:07:16,710

that's awesome and you guys aren't

147

00:07:20,309 --> 00:07:18,319

supposed to know that nobody's supposed

148

00:07:22,790 --> 00:07:20,319

to know that i i thought when we came to

149

00:07:24,870 --> 00:07:22,800

space we reversed aging and so we didn't

150

00:07:26,550 --> 00:07:24,880

really have birth that we were getting

