

Doyle pushes 'Wisconsin values' and 'hope'

by Jackie Johnson

The theme in La Crosse at the state Democratic Convention is all about stem cell research. Governor Jim Doyle touts his leadership for Wisconsin values, and focuses on science that gives hope to many people living with debilitating diseases. Doyle says as long as he's governor, Wisconsin will lead the nation in stem cell research, which originated at UW-Madison. "Stem cell research means hope. And it means hope for so many people, not only in Wisconsin, but in this country and in this world who are struggling with the illness of a loved one."

Doyle's mother Ruth passed away last month after fighting Parkinson's disease for three decades. Doyle says she was able to live as long as she did because of research in the '60s and '70s, and more research offers more hope for the future. "Our family, like so many of yours, know and are thankful for the wonders of medical research. Now, I know it's too late for my mother now, but it is not too late for so many other Wisconsin families."

Speaking for 40 minutes, Doyle compares the "Washington way" with the "Wisconsin way" and his record of affordable healthcare, job creation, promoting renewable energy, spending limits, choice, cheaper prescription drugs, fight against gas gouging and encouraging stem cell research. Doyle quickly took off for California to keynote at Stanford University on Saturday at a national summit on stem cell research.

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