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LEADERS INDUCTED INTO CANDY HALL OF FAME

Cleveland — Twelve leading professionals who have made invaluable contributions to the confectionery industry were honored with induction into the Candy Hall of Fame in Tampa, FL, on October 17, 2009.

The honorees were: Jack Bielat, of BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc.; Ross Born, of Just Born, Inc.; Dave Fleischer, of Cadbury North America; Dave Klabunde, of Annabelle Candy Co.; Larry Hassler, of Pearson Candy Co.; Buz Heinz, of Bell Flavors & Fragrances Europe; George Kaye, of Supreme Chocolatier; John Leipold, of Goetze's Candy Co., Inc.; Getulio Ursulino Netto, of ABICAB; Dan Phillips, of George J. Howe Co.; Terry Richardson, of Richardson Researches, Inc.; and Tom Scheiman, of B.A. Sweetie Candy Co.

In addition, the NCSA posthumously inducted industry pioneers Harry Burnett "H.B." Reese (1879–1956) and Russell Stover (1888–1954).

"This year's class of inductees exemplifies the career-long dedication to this industry that the Candy Hall of Fame celebrates. On behalf of the association, I congratulate them all for this achievement," says Douglas E. Taylor, Sr., chairman of the National Confectionery Sales Association, which administers the Candy Hall of Fame.

The 2009 inductees were honored at a black-tie gala dinner and featured in audio/visual biographies. The event was held at the Renaissance Tampa Hotel International Plaza during NCSA's 110th Annual Meeting. More than 270 industry dignitaries, family members and friends attended the internationally recognized event.

Each honoree was presented with an inscribed plaque and enshrined into the Candy Hall of Fame alongside such category leaders as Milton Hershey, Andrew Heide, Jack Shaffer, William Wrigley, Jr., Salvatore and Nello Ferrara, Spaulding Goetze, Elaine Gonzales and Jim Gagliarducci, whose achievements are detailed at candyhalloffame.org.

For more details on the NCSA and the Candy Hall of Fame, visit candyhalloffame.org.

Editor's Note: Photos available upon request.

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The National Confectionery Sales Association, formed in 1899, is dedicated to furthering positive growth and acceptance of confectionery products, and recognizing the achievements of category leaders from all sectors of the international industry. The Candy Hall of Fame was founded in 1971, and recognizes lifetime career achievements in the confectionery industry, with induction based on dedication to the overall betterment of the industry.