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Ten Selected For Candy Hall Of Fame Induction

CLEVELAND — Ten industry leaders will be inducted into the Candy Hall of Fame in Tampa, FL, on Saturday evening, October 24, in front of more than 300 family, friends and colleagues.

The 2015 inductees are:

Eric Atkinson

Atkinson Candy Co.

Jim Greenberg

Union Confectionery Machinery Co.

Kathy Corcoran

Premier Specialty LLC

Richard Ross

Galerie

Roni Daniel

Jetro Cash & Carry

Libby Taylor

National Confectioners Assoc.

Nick DiRenzo

Thayer Distributing, Inc.

Bryan Shade

Burdette Beckmann Inc.

Carol Ghelarducci

First Source, LLC

Charlie Sigvardsen

Charlie's Chocolate Factory

Two industry pioneers, **Henry Heide** (1846-1931), the founder of The Henry Heide Candy Co., and **Leonard Wurzel** (1918-2013), the founder of Calico Cottage, Inc., will be inducted posthumously during the ceremony.

The Candy Hall of Fame celebration will take place during the National Confectionery Sales Association's (NCSA) 116th Annual Meeting at the Renaissance Tampa International Plaza Hotel, October 23 to 25. The induction ceremony will be preceded by a gala dinner featuring audio/visual presentations highlighting the honorees' professional and personal lives. The weekend also includes the announcement of the NCSA scholarship winners during Friday's Welcome Reception.

The event draws hundreds of industry leaders, family members and friends from around the globe for a weekend celebrating the candy category's brightest performers. The Candy Hall of Fame honors individuals who have given back to the industry during their careers, clearly demonstrating a commitment to furthering the industry and supporting civic activities.

Each year, some 40 nominees are put forward for consideration from across the global industry, including technologists, manufacturers, salespeople, brokers, suppliers and wholesalers. Past inductees include recipients from the U.S., Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Germany, Holland, the U.K. and Canada.

For more details about the NCSA and the Candy Hall of Fame, including registration and sponsorship opportunities, visit candyhalloffame.org.

The National Confectionery Sales Association, formed in 1899, is dedicated to furthering the 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.