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NESTOR B. KNOEPFLER WINS AATCC'S HENRY E. MILLSON AWARD FOR HIS LIFE-SAVING INVENTION

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C., USA, Friday, April 30, 2010—AATCC has named Nestor Beyer Knoepfler as the posthumous recipient of the Henry E. Millson Award for Invention for his work on developing flame retardant treatment of cotton batting. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to textile technology. Knoepfler's colleagues will receive the award in his name at an Awards Luncheon on May 19, during the Association's 2010 International Conference at the Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC) in Atlanta, Ga., USA.

Knoepfler worked for the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Southern Regional Research Center (SRRC) and was head of cotton products investigations at USDA's engineering and development laboratory. He and his colleagues at USDA SRRC developed and patented a smolder resistance treatment for cotton-containing textiles. He discovered process that gave cotton and cotton-containing fabrics resistance to cigarette ignition. The process used conventional textiles and low energy equipment, saving time and money. Before the development of smolder-resistant fabrics and batting for upholstery, many people lost their lives to upholstery fires started by smoldering cigarettes.

AATCC named the Millson Award for Invention for Henry E. Millson, a noted inventor who was head of dyes research for American Cyanamid. Millson, the 1958 recipient of AATCC's Olney Medal for outstanding achievement in textile chemistry, endowed the Millson Award in 1979 with the stipulation that he never be considered a candidate. After agreeing to that condition, the Association promptly named the award in his honor.

AATCC's 2010 International Conference will be co-located with ATME-I MEGATEX 2010, which will run concurrently with Techtexil North America and SPESA Expo as part of the *Textile and Sewn Products Industry Week* May 18-20 at the Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC) in Atlanta. AATCC's conference theme is "Innovation and Sustainability Bring New Life to Textiles."

ABOUT AATCC: *AATCC is the world's leading not-for-profit association serving textile professionals since 1921. AATCC, headquartered in Research Triangle Park, N.C., USA, provides test method development, quality control materials, and professional networking for members in about 60 countries throughout the world.*

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