

assist those with ideas and inventions by helping them find each other through an online database and other avenues. Additionally, as part of this initiative, KCKCC is launching a class to guide potential inventors from the idea phase through patent searches, licensing, prototyping, and product creation to market and revenue generation.

The story of America is a story of entrepreneurs—individuals who took great risks to pursue their dreams. These entrepreneurs built the foundation of the American economy from its earliest days by pushing forward innovative solutions to some of the world's most pressing challenges. Innovation by entrepreneurs not only improves our lives, but also results in the creation of countless new jobs and opportunities for Americans.

Many of our favorite and most inspiring stories about innovation and entrepreneurship are those that trace their beginnings to the family garage. Many Fortune 500 companies, such as Ford, Apple, and General Electric, got their start with passionate, committed individuals, a promising idea, and a great deal of hard work. Often, the greatest barrier to creating something innovative and transformative is bringing together people and their respective potentials. I commend KCKCC for its efforts to promote innovation and the spirit of entrepreneurship in Kansas City, Wyandotte County, the State of Kansas, and the region.●

RECOGNIZING COOK ME SOMETHIN' MISTER

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, oftentimes small businesses are grown out of a desire to help folks in their communities. It is especially encouraging to see this after a catastrophic natural disaster. As we honor National Women's Small Business Week, I would like to recognize Cook Me Somethin' Mister of New Orleans, LA, as Small Business of the Week.

In 2005, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina's devastation, a recent college graduate named Kristen Preau was approached by her employer, the University of New Orleans Athletic Department, to come up with a way to generate much-needed funding for the school. Preau took to what she knew best: her family's beloved jambalaya recipe. Raising \$100,000 in just 3 months at college tailgating events across the country, Preau knew she had a hit. Over the next few years, Preau—known for much of her life as the "Jambalaya Girl"—perfected and expanded her seasonings, which were selling as quickly as they were stocked on the shelves of local grocery stores. Having roots firmly planted in the Louisiana culinary scene, Preau's family were some of the first folks to cook and serve jambalaya at the French Quarter Fest in New Orleans's famous Jackson Square. The family also enjoyed a close relationship with the late, world fa-

mous Cajun Chef Paul Prudhomme who had a hand in blending the "Jambalaya Girl's" seasonings.

Today, Preau's operation has grown into full-time endeavor with five full-time employees producing the "Jambalaya Girl's" products in her hometown of New Orleans. Enjoying great success, Kristen and her jambalaya have gained national recognition and was recently named a Top 100 Small Business in the country for 2015 by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Louisiana Small Business Administration's, SBA, Women in Business Champion, and the Women's Business Enterprise Council, WBEC, South Role Model of the Year for 2014, among others.

Congratulations again to Cook Me Somethin' Mister for being selected as Small Business of the Week, and thank you for your inspiration for woman entrepreneurs across Louisiana. I look forward to seeing your continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING HEALTHE HABITS FOR LIVING

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I imagine most Americans are familiar with the importance of making healthful living choices. In honor of National Women's Small Business Month, I would like to recognize Healthe Habits for Living of Lafayette, LA, as Small Business of the Week for their commitment to helping folks reach and maintain healthy lifestyles.

In 2007, after a personal battle with medical issues, Jill Hurley opened Healthe Habits for Living with the mission to help train, coach, and advise other adults in the appropriate skills for exercise, nutrition, and mental strategies to live a healthy lifestyle. Putting her education to work in order to develop a unique approach to battling heart disease, Jill has become accustomed to the physical and mental challenges of individuals suffering from heart disease. To complement their life skills counseling in nutrition and long-term mental success strategies, Jill and her team of physical and occupational therapists also provide physical strength training to their patients, encouraging and enabling a balanced active lifestyle that parallels healthier life changes.

Named the Small Business Administration's, SBA, 2011 Women in Business Champion for Louisiana, Jill's proven endeavor to assist others in reaching their healthy living goals has expanded to three successful locations across south Louisiana and currently employs an all-female staff of six physical and occupational therapists. Since opening her first location, Jill has continuously hired some of the most qualified and successful therapists in Louisiana, and she encourages her staff to further their educational training as they build outstanding careers in the therapy field.

Women-owned small businesses have an unequivocal impact on our commu-

nities and the lives of those who need assistance the most, and Healthe Habits for Living is a testament to the extraordinary achievements of women entrepreneurs across America. Congratulations again to Lafayette's own, Healthe Habits for Living for being selected as Small Business of the Week, and thank you for your commitment to tackling health issues in your community head-on.●

RECOGNIZING 2 SISTERS' SALSA COMPANY

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, family-owned small businesses provide parents a one-of-a-kind opportunity to teach their children the value of hard work and taking risks to pursue one's dreams. This is especially true for 2 Sisters' Salsa Company, which started as a kitchen conversation between family friends and has since grown into a successful women-owned venture. In honor of National Women's Small Business Month, I would like to recognize 2 Sisters' Salsa of Plaquemine, LA, as this week's Small Business of the Week.

2 Sisters' Salsa Company began when family friends, the Deshotels and Bordelons, began occasionally making salsa in their kitchen. After a couple of batches, they began to refine their recipe until they created a finished product to their liking. They soon realized that their salsa had immense potential, so they began jarring and labeling their product for store shelves, which was receiving excellent reviews from friends and family. As the company grew, the need for an original name became critical to the development of their small business. They settled upon 2 Sisters' Salsa in honor of the two sets of sisters of the Deshotels and Bordelon families. With a new name and growing clientele, the daughters of the two families went from being the namesake of 2 Sisters' Salsa Company to full-time employees, helping their parents with production and sale of their salsa products.

Today, 2 Sisters' Salsa has expanded from the Deshotels' kitchen to a new facility in Avoyelles Parish producing 5,000 salsa products a day. As the reigning world champion for the medium salsa category, 2 Sisters' Salsa can be found in over 100 restaurants and retail locations.

The hard work and creativity of Patrick and Brooke Deshotels; Jason and Stacy Bordelon; and their daughters Sara, Emily, Shellie, and Rayne certainly deserve recognition, especially as we celebrate National Women's Small Business Month. Congratulations again to this week's Small Business of the Week, 2 Sisters' Salsa Company, and I wish you continued success.●

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