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## THE HUNDRED YEAR ASSOCIATION

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## PRESS RELEASE

### The Hundred Year Association of New York to Honor Joseph E. Spinnato, President Hotel Association of New York

*Joseph E. Spinnato Esq., CAE president of the Hotel Association of New York City will accept the 79th annual Richard A. Cook Gold Medal Award at fundraiser gala, November 26th at the Union League Club*

**New York, NY, November 13, 2013:** The Hundred Year Association has selected Joseph E. Spinnato Esq., CAE, President of the Hotel Association of New York City (1878) on the occasion of its One Hundred and Thirty-Fifth Anniversary as this year's recipient of the annual Richard A. Cook Gold Medal Award. Presented to remarkable leaders and organizations, the award has been granted every year since 1930 (except during WWII) "in recognition of outstanding contributions to the city."

Past recipients of the award include civic leaders Robert Moses, E. Virgil Conway, Robert Morgenthau and Ray Kelly; Mayors Fiorello LaGuardia, Robert Wagner, Rudy Giuliani and Michael Bloomberg, entertainers Oscar Hammerstein, Richard Rodgers and Tony Randall; and three generations of Rockefellers.

"The Hotel Association is one of the oldest professional trade associations in the nation, as a valued member we are delighted to honor Mr. Spinnato and to recognize the Hotel Association's 135 years of service to New York City," said Hundred Year Association president, Clinton W. Blume, III.

"The Hotel Association of New York City's more than a century of success is built on the foundation of our members and their commitment of service to their customers," noted Geoffrey Allan Mills, Chairman of the Hotel Association of New York City (HANYC), who will serve as Dinner Chairman. "For one hundred and thirty-five years, HANYC has been driven to provide the best experience possible to visitors from the U.S. and around the world, while ensuring we also give back to the City that provides our businesses, and countless others, the opportunity to thrive and grow."

"I am pleased to accept this award on behalf of our Association, which has such a rich history here in New York. We are honored to be included in an esteemed group of past recipients, each of whom has dedicated part of their lives to making a difference in this great City. Our more than 270 members employ over 32,000 individuals and generate billions of dollars in revenues for New York City. This is an exciting time for the tourism industry, and we look toward another 135 years," Mr. Spinnato added.

The Hundred Year Association will present the Gold Medal Award to Mr. Spinnato during its annual fundraiser event on November 26, 2013 at the historic Union League Club (1863). For more information about attending the event, please contact Lorry at the Association at 212.922.0791 or visit [www.100yearassociation.com](http://www.100yearassociation.com).

### **ABOUT THE HUNDRED YEAR ASSOCIATION**

Established in 1927, The Hundred Year Association of New York is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve the history and promote the heritage of public and private organizations that have been in existence for a century or more.

Our membership is comprised of the New York City metropolitan area's most enduring professional, educational, religious and charitable establishments. We support activities that maintain the history of these organizations, as well as those that positively impact the city today.

The Hundred Year Association works to safeguard the rich, diverse history of New York City while also benefiting the city and its citizens today. The Association's services and activities are community-minded and educational in nature. Core Association activities include:

- Highlighting the achievements and diverse history of long-standing public and private institutions that have been in existence for at least one century
- Assisting member organizations in celebrating milestones with special events and activities providing a public purpose
- Rewarding New York City leaders and career municipal employees who help improve the city through their outstanding achievements and public service
- Sponsoring college scholarships for sons and daughters of civil employees who demonstrate academic excellence, school and community service, and leadership
- Hosting community-minded fundraisers and special events
- Encouraging public service and careers in government

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### **THE HOTEL ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK**

Established in 1878, the Hotel Association of New York City, Inc. is one of the oldest professional trade associations in the nation. Its membership includes more than 270 of the finest hotels in New York City, representing more than 75,000 rooms and 32,000 employees. It is an internationally recognized leader in New York City's \$5 billion tourism industry.

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