Reps. Ryan, Reed and Sens. Graham, Stabenow Recognize Manufacturing Day

Washington, DC - Reps. Tim Ryan (D-OH) and Tom Reed (R-NY), along with Sens. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) and Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), have introduced a bipartisan, bicameral resolution to recognize the first Friday in October as "Manufacturing Day." This year Manufacturing Day will be Friday, October 6.

Celebrating Manufacturing Day annually recognizes the industry for its contribution to the U.S. economy, raises awareness for important investment and career opportunities within the sector, allows communities to engage with their local businesses, and better educates Americans on the importance of manufacturing.

"American manufacturing is the lifeblood of our economy, and the backbone of our middle class. Our manufacturing sector employs 9% of the United States workforce, and makes up 12% of our GDP -- its importance cannot be overstated. Manufacturing plays a critical role in almost every part of our economy, stretching from construction to pharmaceuticals; transportation to agriculture. I am proud to join my colleagues in recognizing this vital sector of our economy, and the men and women who work in it each and every day," said Congressman Ryan.

"U.S. manufacturing means good paying jobs for hard-working people across the U.S.," Congressman Reed stated. "Having a day of recognition will further enhance the significance of the industry. The sector deserves to be acknowledged for its importance to our economy and the quality jobs it brings to our communities."

"Manufacturing is a backbone of the South Carolina and national economy," said Senator Graham. "That's why I'm glad to join my colleagues in introducing this bipartisan resolution to recognize 'Manufacturing Day' that celebrates the importance of manufacturing across the United States."

"We don't have an economy or a middle class unless we make things and grow things," said Senator Stabenow. "As we mark Manufacturing Day this Friday, I will continue to be laser focused on helping manufacturers create more jobs in Michigan and supporting our talented workers and businesses."

Other co-sponsors added:

"Connecticut's economy is built on a proud tradition of manufacturing. For generations, our manufacturers have provided the kinds of good, stable jobs that support families, and today, over 5,000 of them drive our state's economy. Manufacturing keeps our country safe, our local economies healthy, and our good-paying jobs secure. This resolution honors the contributions of American manufacturers and encourages our colleagues on both sides of the aisle to do all they can to support their efforts," Congresswoman Esty stated.

The manufacturing industry contributes \$2.17 trillion to the U.S. economy and employs 12.3 million hardworking Americans. This resolution is supported by key groups such as the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), Manufacturing Alliance of Communities (MAC), Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME), Automation Federation, Reshoring Initiative, American Society of Mechanical Engineering (ASME), MForesight, and IEEE-USA. To learn more about Manufacturing Day please visit www.mfgday.com.

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