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Honoring the 100th Anniversary of Johnson Matthey, Inc.

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Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding southeastern Pennsylvania manufacturer celebrating its 100th anniversary.

Johnson Matthey Inc. was officially incorporated on June 30, 1909 and has grown from a platinum works shop in Philadelphia to a thriving business that employs approximately 8,700 workers at operations in more than 30 countries. The company's North America headquarters is in Wayne, Pennsylvania and several plants operate throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Johnson Matthey focuses on catalysis, precious metals, fine chemicals and process technology. While the company's roots extend back to the 19th Century, Johnson Matthey has continued to develop its technology, demonstrating the company's ability to maintain world leadership by adapting constantly to rapidly changing customer needs. While adhering to rigorous environmental standards itself, Johnson Matthey products have contributed greatly to a cleaner environment and have enhanced the quality of life for millions of people around the world.

Throughout the week of June 30, 2009, Johnson Matthey management, employees, affiliate companies, parent company, and communities will commemorate the company's centennial.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating everyone at Johnson Matthey for reaching this memorable milestone and in wishing the company continued success in creating jobs and improving the quality of life across the globe.