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MISSION BBQ Customers Donate \$368,628 to Wreaths Across America

Columbia, MD, (January 25, 2019) - Today, MISSION BBQ announced the donation of \$368,628, to Wreaths Across America™ (WAA). This contribution was made possible thanks to the generosity of Our Customers and their support of the American Heroes Cups. The donation will help to sponsor over 36,000 veterans' wreaths to remember our fallen U.S. service members during the 2019 holiday season.

“We remain proud and humbled to stand with Wreaths Across America and the amazing work they continue to do to Remember, Honor and Teach,” said Bill Kraus, co-founder for MISSION BBQ.

Wreaths Across American is known for its annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, their mission is to remember our fallen U.S. veterans, honor those who serve and teach the next generation the value of freedom. In addition to the wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, Wreaths Across America coordinates wreath-laying ceremonies at more than 1,600 locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

“MISSION BBQ, through service and education, and in giving back to the communities in which their team lives and works, is a perfect example of all that is good in our country,” said Karen Worcester, Executive Director, Wreaths Across America. “We could not be more proud to have them as a partner in supporting our mission throughout the country.” Karen along with her husband Morrill Worcester, Wayne Hanson, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and other members of the WAA family were present to receive the donation.

“We wouldn't have the freedoms we have today if it wasn't for our nation's veterans who stepped up for us time and time again,” said Kraus and Steve Newton, founders of MISSION BBQ. “We are humbled by the wonderful support of our customers and all the good that will be done for our so deserving American Heroes in remembering their lives, their service and their sacrifices.”

American Heroes Cups are available year-round, retailing at \$3.99 with \$2 of every cup purchase donated to a charity supporting national military charities and local first-responders. Customers are encouraged to bring back their American Heroes Cup on return visits to the restaurant and receive \$.99 refills.

About MISSION BBQ:

MISSION BBQ opened its doors for business on September 11, 2011, 10 years after the world changed. We believe there is nothing more American than BBQ. And nobody more American than the brave men and women who have sworn to protect and serve Our Communities and Our Country. We do what we do for the love of our soldiers, firefighters, police officers, and first responders—all our loved ones in service. We set across this great land from Texas to Kansas

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City, the Carolinas to St. Louis...to discover the secrets of great BBQ. Every day we strive to serve you authentic BBQ made from the freshest, most delectable ingredients, and serve it to you in a patriotic dining room filled with tributes to those who've made Our Country great, given to us by the people who earned them. Stop by at 12 noon as we sing Our National Anthem. Everyday. For more information about MISSION BBQ: <http://mission-bbq.com/>

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About Wreaths Across America:

Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's mission – Remember, Honor, Teach, -- is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies each December at Arlington, as well as at thousands of veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond. For more information, to sponsor wreaths or to sign up to volunteer, please visit www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org.

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