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HON. BILL HUIZENGA

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in the House of Representatives

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Mr. HUIZENGA. Mister Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Continental Linen Service (CLS) on its 125th Anniversary.

Founded in 1899, CLS originally operated as Kalamazoo Laundry Company before Ted Vander Meer purchased the company in 1966 and changed the name to what we know today. This fourth-generation family-owned business now employs over 200 team members covering six locations across Michigan.

Today, CLS serves over 7,000 customers spanning food service, hospitality, medical, and industrial accounts across the state. In 2023 alone, they processed over 24 million pounds of uniforms, linen, and other materials. Recently, they completed a \$7 million, 11,000 square foot expansion to their processing facility to improve their capacity for growth.

Mister Speaker, please join me in thanking the team at Continental Linen Service for their commitment to the community and years of dedicated service to Michigan. I wish them all the best as they continue to grow in Kalamazoo County and beyond.

Bill Huizenga
Member of Congress