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Nicholas and Company's President to be guest of First Lady for State of the Union

Washington DC - Peter Mouskondis, President of Nicholas and Company, accepted an invitation to join First Lady Michelle Obama for the 2014 State of the Union Address tonight. Nicholas and Company is a 75 year old food service distributor based in Salt Lake City, Utah. For nearly three decades, extraordinary Americans who exemplify the themes and ideals laid out in the State of the Union Address have been invited to join the First Lady in her viewing box. Mouskondis is going take a seat near Michelle Obama; Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden; and Valerie Jarrett, senior adviser to the president. The Obama Administration did not specify why they chose Mouskondis but acknowledged the culture, wellness and health benefits Nicholas and Company provides for their team members.

"Our success at Nicholas & Company is directly related to our family-friendly approach and the work of my grandmother, mother and wife in making work-life balance an essential part of our culture," Mouskondis said in a statement.

Among those who will be joining Peter in the first lady's box this year are Jason Collins, the 12-year NBA veteran who in April became the first male player in major American team sports to come out openly as gay, and Boston Marathon bombing survivors Carlos Arredondo and Jeff Bauman.

About Nicholas and Company

Founded in 1939 by Nicholas Mouskondis and continuing through our current third-generation leadership, Nicholas and Company prides itself on delivering the highest quality products and services to our valued customers. Our focus on customers and team members has earned us numerous awards: including the Best of State award for food distribution in 2003, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013, and recognized as a Best Company to Work for in 2005, 2011 and 2013 from Utah Business Magazine.

Nicholas and Company has a business culture focused on creating mutual success with our customers. We employ a team of food service experts, state-of-the-art facilities, cutting-edge technology, and exemplary food safety practices. Currently operating out of Salt Lake City, Utah, Nicholas and Company will be opening their second distribution center in Las Vegas, Nevada in 2014.

Peter Mouskondis concluded, "At Nicholas and Company, we take pride in our culture and practice "Philotimo" each day—a Greek word meaning "the love of honor." We think this captures the true importance of hospitality. We value our genuine partnerships and have a passion for serving people. That's our family recipe for success!"

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