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ACC CONGRATULATES DR. HARRY COOVER FOR HIS LASTING CONTRIBUTION TO AMERICAN INNOVATION

Coover awarded the National Medal of Technology and Innovation for his invention of cyanoacrylates, super glues



WASHINGTON, D.C. (December 8, 2010) – *In a White House ceremony last month, Dr. Harry Coover, inventor of cyanoacrylates, or super glues, was awarded the National Medal of Technology and Innovation, the nation's highest scientific honor given by the President. American Chemistry Council (ACC) President and CEO Cal Dooley issued the following statement congratulating Dr. Coover on his extraordinary achievement:*

“We would like to join President Obama, Eastman Chemical Company and Super Glue Corporation in recognizing Dr. Coover for his important contribution to American innovation. Long before they were approved for civilian use, cyanoacrylate glues saved lives on the battlefield, enabling trauma surgeons to seal wounds quickly and keep many American soldiers from bleeding to death. Today, these glues enjoy widespread use in homes, hospitals, dental offices and veterinary clinics around the globe.

As in 1942, when Dr. Coover first invented cyanoacrylates, the chemistry industry continues to take pride in its position at the forefront of innovation. With 460 patents and 60 publications to his name, Dr. Coover is a fine example of chemical ingenuity. Recruiting, training and promoting high-skilled workers and future industry leaders like Dr. Coover is paramount to continued American prosperity and technological and economic leadership.”

Read the White House news release [here](#).

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working closely with government agencies to improve security and to defend against any threat to the nation's critical infrastructure.

