

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We want you to view the exhibition, enjoy the food provided by The Vizzina Group, meet and visit with all here tonight. Therefore, there is not enough time tonight to speak the names of every person who has contributed to this exhibition



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I will always remember you in my prayers and thoughts. ***Our heritage unites us as one!***

Milli Grazie



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The IAHS want to express our heartfelt gratitude and prayers to everyone spoken of here tonight and to those who we may have forgotten-**our apologies**. ***Without you***, the IAHS would not have been able to achieve the success nor the completion of this exhibition. ***With the aid of your kindness***, we can express to the people of Birmingham and the State of Alabama how proud we are of our Italian heritage, and our ancestors' courage to seek a better life in America, the greatest country in the world.

May God's blessings be with you,

Milli Grazie