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### Thermo King Pioneer Inducted into the Minnesota Science and Technology Hall of Fame for World-Changing Innovations in Refrigerated Food Transportation

*The late Fredrick McKinley Jones is publicly recognized for his innovative contributions to the state of Minnesota and the world through advancements in portable refrigeration systems*

**Bloomington, Minn., Nov. 1, 2010** — The invention of portable refrigeration systems for the transportation industry revolutionized the food industry into a multibillion-dollar annual market, improved food safety and quality and forever changed the eating habits of the world.

Thermo King, a business of Ingersoll Rand and a world leader in creating and sustaining safe, comfortable and energy efficient environments, is pleased to announce the company's early innovator and pioneer in refrigerated transportation, Fredrick McKinley Jones, has been selected as a 2010 member of the Minnesota Science and Technology (MST) Hall of Fame.

Jones revolutionized the refrigeration and transportation industry with the invention of the first practical and automatic refrigeration unit for trucks and railcars in 1935, which improved food safety and quality by eliminating the problem of food spoilage over long hauls and thus expanded the availability of food to people the world over. **Fredrick Jones will be posthumously honored for his contributions to science and technology at the Tekne Awards gala on November 3 at 7 p.m. at the Minneapolis Convention Center.**

The MST Hall of Fame was created to honor true heroes in Minnesota's history whose achievements in science and technology have made lasting contributions to the state and the world. Jones' innovations and advancements in the refrigeration industry have been credited with the creation of an international commercial market for food. The ability to safely transport food across vast distances led to the development of the frozen foods industry and fast-food chains, and altered the eating habits of consumers throughout the world.

Fredrick Jones is often thought of as one of the most prolific African American inventors in U.S. history. In 1991, Jones was the first African American to be recognized by the United States government with the National Medal of Technology. During his career, Jones was granted more than 40 patents in the field of refrigeration, including an air-conditioning unit for military field hospitals and a refrigerator for military field kitchens. In addition, Jones patented other inventions including many for the emerging film industry. Frederick Jones received more than 60 patents during his lifetime.

On July 30, 2007, Thermo King opened the Fredrick McKinley Jones Research and Development Center at its Bloomington, Minn., headquarters facility. The center features more than 40,000 square feet and \$8 million in state-of-the-art equipment and capabilities for the design, testing and evaluation of products, systems and components for the transportation industry. Today, Thermo King engineers and researchers are continuing Jones' work to improve the efficiency of portable refrigerated units to ensure a more sustainable world.

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Thermo King, a business of Ingersoll Rand - the world leader in creating and sustaining safe, comfortable and energy efficient environments, was founded in 1938 and manufactures transport temperature control systems for a variety of mobile applications, including trailers, truck bodies, buses, shipboard containers and railway cars. The company operates 10 manufacturing facilities and 17 parts distribution centers worldwide. Sales and service is provided by a global dealer network of 865 independently owned companies in 75 countries. For more information, visit [www.thermoking.com](http://www.thermoking.com).

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