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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2011

Hilton Head Island, SC, June 28 – Randy Blackston of Glen Raven, Inc., Anderson, SC, was elected president of the Southern Textile Association. His election came during the closing business session of the Joint Meeting of the Southern Textile Association and Fiber Buyer Groups Meeting held at The Crowne Plaza Beach Resort. Blackston succeeds Brad Burnett of Inman Mills, Enoree, SC, who was elevated to Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Ed Cox of Cone Denim – ITG, Greensboro, NC, was elected first vice-president, and Ken Rada of Duke Energy, Greenville, SC, was named second vice-president. Lillian Link of the Southern Textile Association, Gastonia, NC, remains as secretary/treasurer. Judson Boehmer of La France Division – Mount Vernon Mills, La France, SC, was named member-at-large.

Elected to the Board of Governors of four-year terms expiring in 2015 were: Giles Beal, Beal Manufacturing Co.; David Crawford, PhilChem; Mike Kingsmore, Palmetto Finishing; Richard Lewis, Unifi, Inc.; Fred Padgett, Firestone Fibers & Textiles; and Davis Warlick, Parkdale Mills, Inc.. Elected to an un-expired term ending in 2013 was Mike Strader, Pharr Yarns.

The Joint Meeting of the Southern Textile Association and Fiber Buyer Groups was attended by more than 200 textile operating executives, wives and guests.

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