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U.S. Chamber Presents Annual “Spirit of Enterprise” Award to Rep. Todd Akin

Missouri Lawmaker Recognized for Support of Key Business Issues

WASHINGTON, DC—The United States Chamber of Commerce today presented Rep. Todd Akin (R-MO-2) with its annual “Spirit of Enterprise” award for his strong voting record on critical business issues in the second session of the 109th Congress.

“Rep. Akin proved to be a valuable ally to the business community last year, supporting measures to stimulate job creation and spur economic growth,” said Tom Donohue, Chamber president and CEO. “The business community appreciates Todd’s dedication to a pro-growth agenda and we are proud to present him with this award.”

The Chamber’s prestigious “Spirit of Enterprise” award is given annually to members of Congress based on rankings it gives for key business votes outlined in its yearly publication, *How They Voted*. Rep. Akin compiled a 100% score with the Chamber last year and holds a cumulative 92% ranking during his tenure in Congress.

The Chamber’s designated “key votes” are recorded floor votes on issues established as priorities by the Chamber’s board of directors, on which the Chamber informs Congress of its position prior to the vote. Senators and House members who support the Chamber’s position on at least 70% of these key votes receive the “Spirit of Enterprise” award.

During the second session of the 109th Congress, the Chamber key-voted 12 Senate and 15 House votes, including comprehensive pension reform, extended tax relief, maritime and cargo security enhancements, and the U.S./India nuclear agreement.

The U.S. Chamber is the world’s largest business federation, representing more than 3 million businesses and organizations of every size, sector and region.

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EDITOR’S NOTE: A complete listing of key votes and ratings is available online.
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