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U.S. Chamber Presents Annual Spirit of Enterprise Award to Representative Gus Bilirakis

Florida Lawmaker Recognized for Support of Key Business Issues

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The United States Chamber of Commerce today presented Representative Gus Bilirakis (R-FL-09) with its prestigious Spirit of Enterprise Award for his support of pro-growth legislation during the second session of the 110th Congress.

“Representative Bilirakis has proven to be an effective ally to the business community, supporting legislation that helps grow the economy and creates new jobs for hardworking Americans,” said Tom Donohue, Chamber president and CEO. “The Chamber is grateful for Gus’s commitment to these important issues and is 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*. Representative Bilirakis compiled a 90% score with the Chamber last year and holds a cumulative 90% ranking during his tenure in Congress.

These designated key votes are recorded floor votes on issues established as priorities on which the Chamber communicates its position prior to the vote. Those members of Congress who support the Chamber’s position on at least 70% of those votes receive the award.

The Chamber key-voted 11 Senate and 20 House votes in 2007, including a trade promotion agreement with Peru, an extension of the Andean Trade Preference Act, an extension of the federal backstop for terrorism risk insurance, revisions to the rules of governing direct foreign investment, and critical water resources legislation to facilitate commerce at the nation’s waterways and ports.

To view a complete list of the 2007 Spirit of Enterprise recipients visit www.uschamber.com/soe.

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