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Congressmen Bost, Shimkus, Davis Presented with Pro-Business Spirit of Enterprise Award

SPRINGFIELD, September 6, 2017 – Cong. Mike Bost (IL-12), Cong. John Shimkus (IL- 15) and Cong. Rodney Davis (IL- 13) were awarded the Spirit of Enterprise Award by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The award was presented by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Illinois Chamber of Commerce Sept. 5 at Boeing in Mascoutah, Illinois and Anderson Hospital in Maryville, Illinois after a tour of each facility.

“The U.S. Chamber is honored to present Cong. Mike Bost, Cong. John Shimkus, and Cong. Rodney Davis with the Spirit of Enterprise Award. All three members earned a 100 percent rating from the U.S. Chamber for their votes on crucial business legislation and commitment to the business community,” said U.S. Chamber of Commerce Executive Director of the Great Lakes Region Ben Taylor.

The Spirit of Enterprise is awarded to members of Congress who support policies that promote job creation and economic growth.

“Getting a 100 percent ranking for a voting record from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce is tough. It’s a pleasure for the Illinois Chamber of Commerce to partner with the U.S. Chamber to recognize these members for their dedication to growing businesses in Illinois,” said Illinois Chamber of Commerce Executive Director of the Infrastructure Council and Vice President of Policy Ben Brockschmidt. “We are supportive of everyone who fights to make Illinois a more efficient and effective place for businesses.”

Along with the award ceremony, the congressmen toured the Boeing site in Mascoutah, Illinois followed by a tour of Anderson Hospital in Maryville, Illinois, which falls in all three districts of the members.

“It’s an honor to receive the award from the U.S. Chamber. I’m proud to have visited with leaders and employees from Boeing and Anderson Hospital. These two companies provide hundreds of quality jobs to the residents of Southwestern Illinois, and I look forward to continue working with



them to create a climate that allows them to create jobs and grow the local economy,” said Cong. Davis.

“Small businesses are the lifeblood of our economy in Southern Illinois,” said Cong. Bost. As a small business owner myself, I will continue to fight for our job creators and the hardworking men and women they employ. I’ll continue to work in Congress to roll back job-killing taxes and burdensome regulations that hinder business expansion and entrepreneurship. Washington needs to get out of the way, so Main Streets across America can create good jobs from the ground up” said Cong. Bost.

The stops at Boeing and Anderson Hospital were the last stops before the congressmen headed back to Washington as August recess comes to a close.

“Accepting this award is an honor and a reminder to keep fighting for the business community. There’s always more work to be done, and I look forward to continuing the fight for a better economy and business climate throughout the state of Illinois and the nation,” said Cong. Shimkus.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce partners with the Illinois Chamber of Commerce to present the awards annually.

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