

CORNYN HONORED WITH PRO-BUSINESS AWARD FROM U.S. CHAMBER

Receives the “Spirit of Enterprise” award for pro-business and job growth votes

WASHINGTON—U.S. Sen. John Cornyn received the 2004 “Spirit of Enterprise” award from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday for his strong support of a pro-business legislative agenda in the first session of the 108th Congress.

“I appreciate the U.S. Chamber’s efforts and this recognition, and I’ll continue working hard to implement legislation that will assist businesses and grow jobs,” Cornyn said. “It’s critical that the government encourage an environment where America’s entrepreneurial spirit can thrive and people can continue to achieve great accomplishments. I’m committed to making sure we grow the economy, encourage the creation of jobs and opportunities, and help Americans keep more of their hard-earned money to save and spend as they see fit.”

The Chamber awards the “Spirit of Enterprise” based on rankings it gives members of Congress for key business votes set out in its annual publication *How They Voted*. Sen. Cornyn earned a 100 percent score with the Chamber last year and has compiled a 100 percent cumulative ranking during his tenure in Congress.

“As America’s economy continues to expand, the importance of supporting pro-growth policies in Congress becomes increasingly clear,” said Thomas J. Donohue, Chamber President and CEO. “John Cornyn is a leader who time and again has supported legislation to create jobs, increase productivity, and strengthen our nation’s recovering economy.”

“It is an honor that our federation awards such an important and distinctive recognition towards Senator Cornyn. As member and as a Texan I am very proud that my good friend John received this acknowledgement which he truly deserved” Said Emilio D. Santos, President of the Association of Importers & Exporters of Texas.

Chamber-designated “key votes” are recorded Senate floor votes on issues established as priorities by the Chamber’s board of directors and on which the Chamber communicates its position prior to the vote.

“Our members and their employees want to hear about how issues in Washington could impact our business. *How They Voted, and Vote for Business* nationwide programs dramatically help our members to get involved in the political process and advocate the issues that are important to them,” according to Santos.

The Association of Importers & Exporters of Texas is federated to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce the world’s largest business federation. Emilio D Santos had served at The Chamber’s Labor Relation Committee and actually participates on the VoteForBusiness a nationwide get-out the-vote effort of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

