

Maryland's Most Pro-Business Legislators Honored by Statewide, Nonpartisan Group, MBRG

Prestigious John Shaw Award presented to 57 legislators in Annapolis on February 5

Ellicott City, MD., Feb. 10, 2014 – Maryland Business for Responsive Government (MBRG), a statewide, nonpartisan organization, honored the members of the Maryland General Assembly with the best track record for supporting business and the economy in 2013. 57 legislators received the prestigious John Shaw Award at a ceremony in Annapolis on February 5.

Throughout the year, MBRG's 20-member State Advisory Council selects recorded votes from the most recent General Assembly session that have practical or philosophical importance to the widest possible range of Maryland businesses, trade associations, and chambers of commerce.

MBRG identifies the selected bills in its annual publication, *Roll Call*, and analyzes the votes to produce a score for each legislator. For the 2013 analysis, *Roll Call* analyzed ten Senate votes and twelve House votes.

Award recipients were chosen based on the scorecard standards set by MBRG: a cumulative score of 70 percent or above with a minimum four years of service.

Winners included the following:

- Senator David R. Brinkley, R, District 4, 92%
- Senator Richard F. Colburn, R, District 37, 84%
- Senator Robert A. Costa, R, District 33B, 78%
- Senator James E. DeGrange, D, District 32, 71%
- Senator George C. Edwards, R, District 1, 84%
- Senator Joseph M. Getty, R, District 5, 95%
- Senator Barry Glassman, R, District 35, 83%
- Senator Stephen S. Hershey, R, District 36, 95%
- Senator Nancy Jacobs, R, District 34, 92%
- Senator J. B. Jennings, R, District 7, 91%
- Senator Allan H. Kittleman, R, District 9, 97%
- Senator E. J. Pipkin, R, District 36, 86%
- Senator Edward R. Reilly, R, District 33, 100%
- Senator Christopher B. Shank, R, District 2, 89%
- Senator Bryan W. Simonaire, R, District 31, 93%

- Delegate Kathryn L. Afzali, R, District 4A, 100%
- Delegate Susan L. M. Aumann, R, District 42, 85%
- Delegate Gail H. Bates, R, District 9A, 94%

- Delegate Wendel R. Beitzel, R, District 1A, 83%
- Delegate Joseph C. Boteler, III, R, District 1A, 83%
- Delegate John W. E. Cluster, Jr., R, District 8, 95%
- Delegate Donald H. Dwyer, Jr., R, District 30, 90%
- Delegate Adelaide C. Eckardt, R, District 37B, 87%
- Delegate Donald B. Elliott, R, District 4B, 83%
- Delegate Mark N. Fisher, R, District 27B, 89%
- Delegate William J. Frank, R, District 42, 88%
- Delegate Ronald A. George, R, District 30, 89%
- Delegate Glen Glass, R, District 34A, 100%
- Delegate Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, R, District 37B, 85%
- Delegate Patrick N. Hogan, R, District 3A, 84%
- Delegate Michael J. Hough, R, District 3B, 93%
- Delegate Richard K. Impallaria, R, District 7, 89%
- Delegate Jay A. Jacobs, R, District 36, 97%
- Delegate A. Wade Kach, R, District 5B, 81%
- Delegate Nicholas R. Kipke, R, District 31, 75%
- Delegate Susan W. Krebs, R, District 9B, 86%
- Delegate Susan K. McComas, R, District 35B, 85%
- Delegate Tony McConkey, R, District 33A, 84%
- Delegate Michael A. McDermott, R, District 38B, 93%
- Delegate Patrick L. McDonough, R, District 7, 89%
- Delegate Herbert H. McMillan, R, District 30, 81%
- Delegate Warren E. Miller, R, District 9A, 96%
- Delegate LeRoy E. Myers, Jr., R, District 1C, 88%
- Delegate Wayne Norman, Jr., R, District 35A, 86%
- Delegate Anthony J. O'Donnell, R, District 29C, 94%
- Delegate Charles J. Otto, R, District 38A, 93%
- Delegate Neil C. Parrott, R, District 2B, 100%
- Delegate Justin D. Ready, R, District 5A, 100%
- Delegate Steven R. Schuh, R, District 31, 90%
- Delegate Kelly M. Schulz, R, District 4A, 97%
- Delegate Andrew A. Serafini, R, District 2A, 90%
- Delegate Michael D. Smigiel, Sr., R, District 36, 76%
- Delegate Donna M. Stifler, R, District 35A, 88%
- Delegate Nancy R. Stocksdale, R, District 5A, 87%

“It’s truly an honor to recognize those elected officials – both Republican and Democrat – who are consistently working to improve the climate for business owners in Maryland, and therefore, our state economy,” said Duane Carey, MBRG’s President.

In recognition of their pro-business voting records, award winners received a certificate, a lapel pin, support materials for their campaigns, and special recognition in *Roll Call*.

The award is named for John Shaw, an exemplary citizen and legislator who served his country more than 200 years ago when Annapolis was the nation's capital. He is best known for creating a distinctive American flag with an eight-pointed star, which is the inspiration for the lapel pins awarded to the honorees.



L-R: Carville Collins, Partner, DLA Piper and MBRG State Advisory Committee Chair; Jerry Wit, Senior VP of Marketing at St. John Properties and MBRG Board Chair; Senator Ed Reilly, District 33, honored for perfect pro-business voting record; Duane Carey, MBRG President.

A high-resolution photo suitable for print may be found at :

<http://www.impactmarketingandpr.com/press/JohnShawAwards2014.JPG>

About Maryland Business for Responsive Government (MBRG)

MBRG is a statewide, nonpartisan political research and education organization supported by corporations, trade associations, chambers of commerce, and individuals. Its purpose is to inform Maryland's business community, elected officials, and the general public about the political and economic environment needed to foster economic development and job creation in Maryland. Annual evaluations of the voting records of Maryland's state and federal legislators enable MBRG and its members to hold politicians accountable for the state's economic well-being like no other organization.

About Roll Call

Roll Call is compiled by an independent advisory council of roughly 20 organizations (companies, chambers of commerce, and other business and trade organizations) involved in the 90-day session in Annapolis. The purpose of Roll Call is to educate, inform, and empower Maryland employers, business owners, and others to engage in a

dialogue with elected officials on issues critical to a healthy economic development climate in Maryland. MBRG has been issuing its annual report card since 1987.

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