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ASSEMBLYMEMBER SWANSON RECEIVES SUMMA CUM LAUDE HONORS FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO SMALL BUSINESSES

Assemblymember Sandré Swanson (D-Alameda) was recently recognized by the California Small Business Association (CSBA) with Summa Cum Laude honors for his commitment and support to small businesses. CSBA released its third annual "Honor Roll," which places legislators in one of three categories --- Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Cum Laude, based on each legislator's involvement in and support of small business-related events and participation in CSBA's Small Business Advisory Council meetings.

"It's critically important in these tough economic times to support small businesses. They are integral to our economy by creating jobs and increasing revenues for local communities and the State," said Assemblymember Swanson.

CSBA's honor roll was developed by assessing each legislator's support of issues important to the CSBA and their efforts to form a working relationship with small businesses within their districts.

"We are entering another historically severe financial budget crisis in California, making it extremely important for legislators to support the small business community through thoughtful policy decisions that help these small businesses, which have been weakened by the economy," said Assemblymember Swanson.

CSBA was founded in 1980 by the California delegation to the White House Conference on Small Businesses. CSBA advocates on behalf of small businesses and conducts research on issues and develops policies that support small business development, survival, and success throughout California.