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## **Sen. Hewitt Honored by National Federation of Independent Business**

### **Presented Guardian of Small Business Award**

District 1 State Senator Sharon Hewitt (R-Slidell) is a recipient of the prestigious Guardian of Small Business Award. The award is an honor presented by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) to legislators in recognition of their efforts to support small business issues. Senator Hewitt earned a 100% NFIB voting record during the 2016 regular legislative session.

“Sen. Hewitt has proven to be both knowledgeable about business affairs and able to ask the important questions about proposed policies and their impact on business,” said Dawn Starns, the Louisiana state director of NFIB. “As a member of the Senate Finance Committee, she was engaged in the budget process and was conscious of government spending and the desire to raise additional revenues. She understood the delicate balance and asked the right questions about the use of taxpayer dollars.”

Starns notes that Sen. Hewitt was also instrumental in trying to find a compromise on the equal pay bill proposed during the regular session. “Although her amendment did not pass, we saw her take up this important cause and understand how convoluted laws can create opportunities for lawsuits against business. We need more legislators like Sharon Hewitt and we are proud to present her with our Guardian of Small Business Award.”

“I’m really honored to receive this coveted award,” Sen. Hewitt said. “We are at a turning point in our state and I am committed to proposing solutions to drive economic prosperity for Louisiana families and businesses.”

NFIB is the nation’s leading small business association. The association gives small and independent business owners a voice in shaping the public policy issues that affect their businesses. NFIB’s mission is to promote and protect the right of its members to own, operate and grow their businesses.



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