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SENATOR CLOUD HONORED WITH NFIB'S GUARDIAN OF SMALL BUSINESS AWARD

Senator Heather Cloud received the Guardian of Small Business Award from the NFIB for her work advocating for small businesses during her freshman year in the Louisiana State Senate. The senator was presented with the award by the NFIB State Director Dawn Starns at the November 24th meeting of the Rotary Club of Ville Platte.

Senator Cloud attributed the legislature's pro-small business work this year to new legislators who share the same values as she does.

"I am so pleased there are a lot like me who have the same mindset," said Senator Cloud. "We really joined forces with some veteran legislators who understand everything else just follows suit whenever you help business and whenever you help job creators. Whenever you help provide jobs, you help families. That's what we've done and what we'll continue to do."

According to Senator Cloud, big pro-business legislation was passed during the latest extraordinary session in October.

"One of the most important things we did was prevent the solvency tax from coming into play," she said. "Our unemployment trust fund is going belly up. If we wouldn't have done what we did, businesses could have, and would have, been taxed up to 30% on the back end."

Senator Cloud spoke at the Rotary Club meeting on Tuesday about her plans for future sessions. She intends to reintroduce her election integrity legislation which was recently vetoed by Governor John Bel Edwards.

"Senator Cloud has shown us that she really understands the challenges facing Louisiana's small businesses," Starns said. "Senator Cloud has supported efforts to enact much-needed COVID-19 liability protections to discourage overzealous trial lawyers from trying to cash in on the pandemic and opposed a host of bills that would have made it harder to run, let

alone grow, a small business in Louisiana. That's why I'm proud to present her with the Guardian of Small Business Award."

On receiving the award Senator Cloud concluded with, "The heartfelt remarks of those in attendance touched me deeply. What an honor it is, but even more is the honor of representing you, your values and needs, your family, and your businesses. Thank you NFIB and thank you, my friends and supporters, for giving me this beautiful honor of being called to service as your State Senator."

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