

ITPAA Grants Eagle Award to Congressman Tom Tancredo

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(PRWEB) March 21, 2005 -- The Information Technology Professionals Association of America (ITPAA), an advocacy group based in Wilmington, Delaware representing professionals in high-tech fields, has handed its first Eagle Award of 2005 to Congressman Tom Tancredo (Republican, 6th District, Colorado). **The organization, representing over 1,200 IT professionals nationwide, presents this award to business and political leaders that it believes best represent the interests of the IT community and America at large.**

“Congressman Tancredo has been a consistent voice for our cause in Congress,” Scott Kirwin, founder and spokesman for the group said. “Nobody on Capitol Hill has worked as tirelessly for the interests of the American public, and this award is the least we can do to show our appreciation for the Congressman’s efforts.”

Kirwin cited the Congressman’s stances on the issues of offshoring, illegal immigration, and the non-immigrant H-1B and L1 visas which Kirwin terms “labor dumping”. “Congressman Tancredo’s work on halting illegal immigration into our country is second to none in Congress. He alone sees the connection between a vibrant free market economy and a strong, legal workforce. He understand the dangers to America’s long-term prosperity by government intervention in the labor market through lax immigration and labor dumping policies.”

Kirwin also commended the Congressman for his strong stances on foreign policy and homeland security. “Congressman Tancredo sees the security gaps caused by immigration policies and outsourcing. He recognizes that the fight against terror doesn’t end at our borders – it begins with them.”

For Scott Kirwin, the choice of the recipient for the first Eagle Award was easy. “Since suffering the indignity of training my replacement when I was replaced by an L-1 visa holder,” Kirwin said, “I have been amazed at how few of our leaders cared about educated professionals being replaced in American offices by H-1b and L-1 visa holders earning much less. Congressman Tancredo proves that at least one member of congress remembers that he is in power to represent Americans – not foreigners - and that foreign workers don’t vote for the politicians inside the Beltway: Americans do. I hope that he continues to serve the good people of Colorado and the United States for many years to come.”

When asked about the origin of the Eagle Award, Kirwin said “One of our members suggested the award and I thought his idea made sense. After all, our Weasel Award highlights those who betray our trust so it’s only fair to publicize those who uphold it,” Kirwin said, referring to the Weasel Award which the group hands to leaders it disagrees with. “And no one upholds our trust better than Congressman Tom Tancredo.”



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