

IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO PRESENT THE ALABAMA

SMALL BUSINESSMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD TO ROY H. DRINKARD OF

CULLMAN, ALABAMA, WHO EXEMPLIFIES IMAGINATION ---

INITIATIVE ---

AND INDEPENDENCE CHARACTERISTIC OF ALABAMA'S 44,000 SMALL

BUSINESSMEN.

SMALL BUSINESSES PLAY AN INTEGRAL PART IN OUR

OVERALL ECONOMY AND THE PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE SMALL

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION THROUGHOUT AMERICA HAVE BEEN OF VITAL

IMPORTANCE TO THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY --- NOT ONLY IN

EXPANDING EXISTING BUSINESSES - BUT IN BRINGING IN NEW INDUSTRIES ---

THUS CREATING NEW JOBS. THIS ROLE OF SBA MUST BE CONTINUED AND

EXPANDED IF THE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE TO BE PROVIDED JOB OPPORTUNITIES

AT HOME.

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YOU HAVE A STRONG, DIVERSIFIED SMALL BUSINESS  
SECTOR IN ALABAMA. I AM SURE THAT EACH SMALL BUSINESSMAN  
IN THIS GREAT STATE DESIRES TO SEE IT GROW EVEN STRONGER.

SENATOR JOHN SPARKMAN IS KNOWN THROUGHOUT THIS  
GREAT NATION AS THE CHAMPION OF THE SMALL BUSINESSMAN AND  
OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

WE --- AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL --- ARE PROUD OF  
THE TREMENDOUS STRIDES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE IN ALABAMA IN  
CREATING NEW AND ADDITIONAL JOBS THROUGH ASSISTANCE PROVIDED  
BY THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.



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