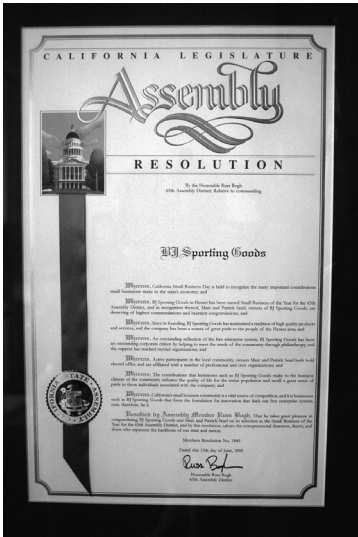


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BJ Sporting Goods

65th Assembly District's Small Business of the Year



HONORED: Assemblyman Russ Bogh recognized BJ Sporting Goods in downtown Hemet as the Small Business of the Year for the 65th Assembly District.

California State Assemblyman Russ Bogh was extremely pleased to participate in the 2005 Small Business Appreciation Day by naming downtown Hemet's own BJ Sporting Goods as the 65th Assembly District's Small Business of the Year.

"Small businesses are the foundation of California's economy," Bogh said. "It is because of small businesses like BJ Sporting Goods that California is becoming the Golden State again."

"Owners Marc Searl Sr. and Patrick Searl are the perfect example of hardworking Californians that give back to their communities," continued Bogh.

BJ Sporting Goods is involved with many community organizations, including the Downtown Hemet Business Association. Small Business Appreciation Day honors small-business owners for their ongoing contribution to their communities. California is home to 3.2 million small businesses, with businesses with fewer than 100 employees accounting for one-third of jobs in the state.

Assemblyman Bogh represents, among other areas, Banning, Beaumont, Hemet, San Jacinto, Moreno Valley, Perris, Winchester and Yucaipa in Riverside and San



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The Hemet Redevelopment Agency is proud of the small businesses in the Historic Downtown Hemet Business District and is extremely excited about the honor bestowed upon one of the most long-term and successful businesses in the downtown — BJ Sporting Goods.

Address: 324 E. Florida Avenue



TOP PHOTO: The staff of BJ Sporting Goods includes owner Marc Searl, left; Larry Fuentes, team sales; Garrett Searl, manager; Rosalyn DaCosta, back left, sales clerk; and Jennie Horan, sales clerk. Not pictured, Keith Face, assistant manager, and Andy Searl and Seth Buffington, sales clerks.

LEFT PHOTO: BJ Sporting Goods offers any size and shape of ball for individual and team sports.

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