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RAHALL SAYS THREE WEST VIRGINIANS HONORED BY SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

MATEWAN, W.VA. - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall today announced that three West Virginians have been honored by the U.S. Small Business Administration for their contributions to the State of West Virginia.

Mark A. Chandler, Richard F. Pulcrano and Robert Shell have been recognized for their outstanding contributions to small businesses throughout West Virginia.

Mark A. Chandler, a partner in Lockwood and Chandler, CPA's in Huntington, was chosen as 1988 W.Va. Accountant Advocate of the Year. Chandler coordinated 48 small business workshops in 24 state cities in 1987.

Richard F. Pulcrano, President of Tri-State Mobile Medical Services, Inc. in Huntington, has been named 1988 W.Va. Young Entrepreneur of the Year. The 26-year old businessman began his business in Huntington in 1986 and plans are underway to open branches in Beckley and Lexington, Kentucky.

Robert Shell, Chief Executive Officer of Guyan Machinery Company of Logan was named 1988 Exporter of the Year. Guyan Machinery is the manufacturer of resistors and mining equipment that is shipped to over 15 countries with sales continuing to grow.

Rahall praised all three men and said that they are proof that West Virginia is on the right track for economic recovery.

"Mr. Chandler, Pulcrano and Shell are proof of economic diversification in our area," Rahall stated. "These men have taken it upon themselves to make things better by providing services, equipment and jobs that we all need. They are to be commended for their efforts."

This year's Small Business Awards will be presented in conjunction with Small Business Week which is May 8-14. The theme of this year's observation is "Small Business: Working for America."

Rahall further lauded the honorees with a slight variation on the theme by stating "Small Business: Working for West Virginia."