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Sen. Kennedy Applauds Louisiana Business Selected as Senate Small Business Of The Week

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Sen. John Kennedy (R-La.), a member of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, announced today that BBQGuys of Baton Rouge is the Senate Small Business of the Week.

After serving in the Air Force for 10 years, Mike Hackley started the Grill Store & More in 1998. Recognizing early on the potential for e-commerce, Mike founded bbqguys.com in 2001. Today, BBQGuys has grown to become one of the largest outdoor living online retailers in the world employing nearly 300 people.

“Mike has a keen sense of how things work in the business world and has turned a small business of single-digit employees into a global business that’s constantly evolving,” said Sen. Kennedy. “Not only does Mike run a first-rate business, he also makes it a priority to say good morning to team members every day and treats his staff and customers with the utmost respect. I am proud that he and his business call Louisiana home.”

Mike has created a welcoming environment for customers and staff, and as a result, BBQGuys has been named one of the Best Places to Work several times by the Greater Baton Rouge Business Report. BBQGuys also received an A+ rating from the Better Business Bureau. Committed to the community, BBQGuys has participated in several local community activities including Toys for Tots, the Youth Oasis Children’s Center, LifeShare Blood Center and Friends of the Animals of Baton Rouge.

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