

Honoring Members of Congress for Bipartisanship and Leadership



Today, the [Chamber honored](#) those members of Congress who demonstrate the bipartisan leadership and constructive governing necessary to move our country forward.

The Jefferson-Hamilton Award for Bipartisanship recognizes those members who have a willingness to work across the aisle in support of common objectives.

- [Top scoring Senators and House Members](#) earned the award based on the number of bills—except those formally opposed by the Chamber—a member cosponsors that was introduced by a member of the opposite party.

The Abraham Lincoln Leadership for America Award recognizes those members of Congress from both sides of the aisle who have shown leadership critical to advancing policies that support America's free enterprise system.

- [Top scoring Senators and House Members](#) earned the award based on either cosponsoring—or refrain from cosponsoring—specific bills important to this mission.

What they said:

- **Sen. Jacky Rosen (D-NV):** "We have to come to the table; we have to talk about things. We can agree where we can, but that collaboration and that trust and those friendships and relationships have to happen."

- **Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC):** “The one thing that is necessary for human flourishing and to maximize American potential is having a public forum that is civil enough to debate the really big issues of the future of this nation. If the Chamber becomes that platform, that conduit, for that debate to disagree without being disagreeable I think the best American century start now, it starts here and it starts with you.”
- **Rep. Henry Cuellar (D-TX):** “We’re Republicans, we’re Democrats, but first we’re Americans, and we do the work that’s important. So you got to do that hard work, and I appreciate what the Chamber and the other colleagues of mine, we’ve been doing together for many years.”
- **Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA):** “Whatever you’re leading, you have two responsibilities, number one is to lower the volume and temperature of the discourse, number two is to bridge the gap between differences. If you’re not doing both of those then you’re not exhibiting true leadership qualities.”

Why it matters: Progress on a critical issues—like rebuilding our nation’s infrastructure—can only happen when all sides work to find common ground.

Our take: “These awards honor the deserving members of Congress who demonstrated the leadership critical to advancing policies that support America’s free enterprise system and a commitment to forging bipartisan solutions that move our economy forward,” said Chamber President and CEO Suzanne Clark.