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***Hollywood Chamber Names John Lipka of E.H. Whitson  
as its 2011 Small Business Person of the Year***

**HOLLYWOOD, FL** – According to the Small Business Administration, “there is an estimated 27.2 million small businesses in America.” Every year since 1963 these entrepreneurs have been honored during the National Small Business Week (May 16<sup>th</sup> – May 20<sup>th</sup>).

In honor of National Small Business Week, the Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce (GHCC) named one of its very own outstanding small business persons as its 2011 Small Business Person of the Year - **John Lipka of E.H. Whitson Air Conditioning**.

John Lipka purchased E.H. Whitson Air Conditioning in March of 1997. E.H. Whitson Air Conditioning has been in business since 1936 serving Broward and Miami-Dade Counties. The company expanded to include E.H. Whitson Plumbing and Electric. Mr. Lipka has been a member of the GHCC since 1997 and has been a major sponsor of events such as Grapes for Grades and Expo Alfresco – The Ultimate Food, Wine & Tradeshow Experience! Mr. Lipka also serves on the City of Hollywood’s Unsafe Structure Board, Broward County Mechanical Examining Board and is president of the Hibernian's of Hollywood. He also volunteers his time as a coach at Rotary Park in Hollywood.

On May 26, 2011, Mr. Lipka was honored at the Annual Small Business Person of the Year Luncheon sponsored by the Broward County Council of Chambers.

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Since 1926, the Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce has been an information hub for the City of Hollywood and business community. We are a member-driven organization, and our mission is to foster a business climate that generates success, integrity and excellence for our members and the Hollywood business community. With over 230 networking opportunities, professional development options, unique member benefits and new website, members are offered grassroots marketing choices to help them identify their ideal customer and business.

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