



Highlights Trade Contributions



Fueled by positive energy and contagious enthusiasm, it was a proud time for the p-h-c trade during National Plumbing Industry Week April 27-May 3.

With the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors—National Association (PHCC) taking the lead, the industry achieved much-earned recognition during a week of celebration and acknowledgement. Featuring an official declaration from Congress, a high profile rally on Capitol Hill and one-on-one contact with national legislators, the activity-filled week was one to remember.



Congressional Recognition

It was a very fitting tribute when Congress passed a resolution in the U.S. House of Representatives officially recognizing the plumbing industry and supporting the goals and ideals of National Plumbing Industry Week.

“During an election year, it is difficult to get Congress’s attention,” said PHCC President Jim Finley. “We were extremely happy that Congress chose to recognize PHCC and the important role our members play in the lives of Americans across the country every day. As the oldest trade association in the construction industry, it is an honor for PHCC to have achieved this highest national recognition of our organization and event.”

Water Conservation Rally

A highlight of the week was a PHCC-sponsored water conservation rally on Capitol Hill. More than 160 members of the association who were attending PHCC’s Leadership and Legislative Conference ’08 participated in the energetic public display of the association’s commitment to protecting public health, safety and the environment. Federal lawmakers and regulatory representatives also attended, as did officials from the American Supply Association, the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials and the United Association.

During his remarks, Jim Finley challenged Americans to commit to specific water conservation measures this summer as part of PHCC’s 2008 Water Conservation Initiative.

“As Americans, we waste one million gallons of water a day,” he said. “Our supplies and resources are running short. If we keep it up, we could run into a shortage of water. Who is better than PHCC to lead the effort to conserve water?”

Forces of Support

The federal and industry representatives at the rally all talked of their support for

PHCC and National Plumbing Industry Week. Here are some of their comments:

Sean O’Ryan, senior administrative assistant to the general president of the United Association: “The declaration of National Plumbing Industry Week by Congress and a number of states underscores the significant achievements of your organization. The milestone event of your 125th anniversary is an opportunity for us to focus some attention and highlight the critical role plumbers play in the day to day life in America.”

Rep. Lynn Westmoreland (R-GA): “The people in Georgia certainly understand about the water crisis because we have been going through a period of severe drought. I want to thank you for what you do, how you make you make life better for us and how you will continue to be a leader in showing Americans how to conserve water.”

Ben Grumbles, the Environmental Protection Agency’s assistant administrator for water: “Thank you for being strong partners, in particular working with Congress and EPA to increase awareness about America’s greatest liquid asset: water. We

welcome your organization’s efforts as partners with the WaterSense program, and doing what you do: being on the front lines of the water line and the connection between water and the America public.”

Marching On

Following the rally, PHCC members took their messages on water conservation and other key PHCC issues to their federal legislators during Leadership and Legislative Conference ’08.

Although National Plumbing Industry Week for 2008 is officially over, PHCC members’ commitment to the industry and public never stops. The contributions and achievements recognized during National Plumbing Industry Week will continue to grow.

Join The Water Conservation Movement

PHCC chapters and members will be key players in PHCC’s Summer 2008 Water Conservation Initiative June 1 through Aug. 31, 2008. All members are being encouraged to participate by offering free water audits to interested consumers, distributing conservation tips and joining in local chapter events to bring this important message to hometown America.

A member participation form, water audit checklist, consumer education materials, sample press releases and ideas on how to get involved are available through PHCC’s Web site, www.phccweb.org. If you’d like more information about this initiative or membership in PHCC, call (800)533-7694.



PHCC President Jim Finley leads Capitol Hill rally.