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## Alamo deli named small business of the year for Assembly District 11

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ALAMO -- The Brass Bear Deli of Alamo has been recognized by Assemblymember Joan Buchanan, D-Alamo, as the Small Business of the Year for the 15th Assembly District.

"(Owners) Mehran and Sheida Hamzeh are wonderful individuals and I am proud to honor them," Buchanan said in a statement. "... Mehran and Sheida are huge

supporters of the community."

The Hamzeh family has owned and operated the Alamo deli for 30 years and open a second site in Walnut Creek in 2009.

Buchanan noted that the Hamzehs contribute to the local economy by hiring high school and college students to work at the deli part time -- Mehran Hamzeh estimates that more than 250 San Ramon Valley young adults have worked for the deli since it opened.

Small Business of the Year awards are sponsored by the California Small Business Association. The Assembly voted in 2000 to declare the last Wednesday of each May to be "California Small Business Day."

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