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**And the first Cross Ovation to Business Award goes to...  
Brakur Custom Cabinetry, Inc. in Shorewood**

(Shorewood) Rep. Tom Cross and his Ovation to Business advisory committee announce the very first Ovation to Business award recipient: Brakur Custom Cabinetry located in Shorewood, Ill.

“The odds are—if you live in Shorewood you, your friends or your family have probably purchased something at Brakur Custom Cabinetry in the last 45 years,” Cross said.

“They are a great, family owned business that is the cream of the crop—listed as one of the top manufacturers in Will County.”

Brakur Custom Cabinetry, Inc. first opened its doors in 1965 with six employees. It has now grown into a 100,000 plus square foot, state-of-the-art manufacturing facility and 85 employees. Brakur specializes in the design and manufacturing of custom cabinetry for every room in the house. Whether you are looking for a kitchen, bathroom vanities, bookcases, window seats, bars, custom entertainment centers, or even a complete wood paneled library; Brakur can custom design and manufacture this for you. Brakur also offers a complete line of countertops for your home as well. You can learn more about the company at [www.brakur.com](http://www.brakur.com).

“We are honored that Rep. Cross chose our business for the Ovation to Business award. After decades in business, we have seen our share of ups and downs. We’ve adjusted our business plan in the current economy and are surviving, but it is tough,” said Brakur's President Chad Kurtz. "Our survival in this turbulent economy is really an attribute to our product and our dedicated employees. It is great to see that our local officials are proud of what we have accomplished and are willing to recognize us in this way.”

“It is businesses like Brakur Custom Cabinetry that help keep our economy going in tough times—providing jobs in our community. They have earned this recognition and we are very proud of them,” added Cross.

The next Ovation to Business award will be announced in December.

The next round of applications is due by December 15. You can find and submit the application form on Rep. Cross’ website, [www.tomcross.com](http://www.tomcross.com).

You can nominate a small, medium or large business in the 84th district that is sustaining or growing jobs as well as involved in community service. If you have any questions, please call Lois Maguire at (815) 254-0000.

Cross’ Ovation to Business committee will review the applications and make award recipient recommendations.