

Campbellsville Apparel honored at White House ZO/JM

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A Campbellsville clothing manufacturer was recently honored at the White House.

President Donald Trump and many others honored Campbellsville Apparel Company on Monday as part of “Made in America” week.

During the showcase, Trump stated the high value that he places on products being made in the United States.

“We want to build, create, and grow more products in our country using American labor, American goods, and American grit,” Trump said. “When we purchase products made in the USA,

the profits stay here, the revenue stays here, and the jobs — maybe most importantly of all — they stay right here in the USA.” One company was selected from each state to participate in the showcase, which is meant to highlight businesses around the United States that manufacture their products in the U.S.

Company President Chris Reynolds said they received a call saying the company had been selected to take part in the showcase, leaving a short turnaround for he and Vice President of Administration George Wise to prepare.

Their display consisted of several of their products, as well as information about their employees and some awards they have won, according to Reynolds.

Reynolds said he was honored to be able to speak with President Trump and Vice President Mike Pence. “It was very humbling due to the respect I have for that office,” Reynolds said. “It was a great experience and a great opportunity.”

Campbellsville Apparel Company has been operating since 1998 and manufactures a variety of clothing products, including t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, and underwear.

They are also a major supplier to the United States Department of Defense, providing their products to all branches of the U.S. military through contracts with the Defense Logistics Agency, according to the company’s website.

They employ roughly 130 men and women at their plant.

Reynolds said the employees at Campbellsville Apparel are the key to their success. Their model is unique, with several employees who are past traditional retirement age. Reynolds said they have employees who are in their 70s. “We have a lot of experienced employees,” Reynolds said. “We have several that are older, too. They are an unbelievable group of people.”

U.S. Rep. James Comer said on Tuesday that he was very happy to see Campbellsville Apparel chosen from among several Kentucky companies to be spotlighted.

“I am so excited that a company in my district received this recognition,” Comer said. “I’m happy that President Trump selected Campbellsville Apparel to be Kentucky’s representative and he chose to highlight them.” Comer said being chosen was a tribute to what the company does and what they stand for, especially being one of the few garment manufacturers in the southern U.S. following the North American Free Trade Agreement.

“They are doing things the right way,” Comer said. “... Every time I come to Campbellsville, it is rare to see an event or something that isn’t sponsored by Campbellsville Apparel... They are active and good corporate citizens and I applaud them for that.”

Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin said companies like Campbellsville Apparel are the backbone of the nation’s economy. “Congratulations to Campbellsville Apparel Company, who represented Kentucky this week at the White House’s Made in America Product Showcase,” Bevin stated. “Small businesses like Campbellsville Apparel Company comprise the backbone of our nation’s economy, as they employ the men and women who make our communities thrive.”

Campbellsville Mayor Tony Young praised the dedication of Campbellsville Apparel employees. “I am very proud of Campbellsville Apparel as they continue to produce premium quality products made in Campbellsville, Kentucky,” Young said. “The talent and dedication of our local workforce is the best. I worked side-by-side many of these outstanding employees for over 25 years and can assure everyone that they are the most dedicated around. It is wonderful to see the positive attention now being given to the American workforce. Their quality of workmanship is second to none.”

State Rep. John “Bam” Carney said he is appreciative of Campbellsville Apparel Company for manufacturing their products in the U.S. “It is exciting to see a local company representing Kentucky at The White House,” Carney said. “I appreciate everyone at Campbellsville Apparel and their hard work and dedication for what they do for our community.”

Campbellsville Apparel Company is located at 1309 East Broadway St.