

## Granite Recycling makes the *Congressional Record*!

Ivy Tech Northwest & The Society of Innovators celebrated the Northwest Indiana Innovators. They were Recognized in the Congressional Record for Innovative Contributions!

Chancellor J. Guadalupe Valtierra of Ivy Tech Northwest celebrated the recognition earned by the 2011 – 2012 Fellows & Chanute Prize recipients recently inducted into The Society of Innovators who were recognized in the *Congressional Record* for their innovations in a special program at the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission and the Northwest Indiana Forum.

Life-size banners of last year's Innovators were on display since they were first unveiled at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Induction Awards Ceremony on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> at the Horseshoe Casino. These banners go on display starting at this location each year as well as other places across the region and the state to demonstrate that "Innovation Matters" in Northwest Indiana.



Julie Rizzo - featured with John Davies - Assistant Director, Gerald I. Lamkin Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center And Managing Director, The Society of Innovators of Northwest Indiana



O'MerrialButchee – Director, Ivy Tech, Chancellor J. Guadalupe Valtierra – Ivy Tech Northwest and Julie Rizzo – RecycledGranite.com



The 2011 - 2012 Innovators received a copy of the Congressional Record recognizing their innovations which were presented by the office of U.S. Congressman Peter J. Visclosky. The Innovators are: Mayor Jon Costas of Valparaiso; Robert Johnson III, CEO, Cimcor, Inc., Merrillville; Julie Rizzo, President, US Greenworks and Executive Director, My Choice Recycling, St. John; Angela Hambling, Rolling Prairie Elementary School, LaPorte County; Janet Brown, Ph.D., Dean Valparaiso University College of Nursing; and representatives of the Chanute Prize Team of IVDiagnosics of Valparaiso. Cong. Visclosky himself was inducted as the Gerald I. Lamkin Fellow for Innovation & Service at the induction ceremony.

