

A high-flying welcome

Local business marks official opening

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LONDONDERRY — Highland Forwarding, Inc. prides itself on 17 years of worldwide importing and exporting business. Though there are locations in Texas, Illinois, New York City and Montreal, Canada, the company's roots are right here in the Granite State.

The company has been operating from 6A Kitty Hawk Landing in Londonderry for two years, but the 36,000 square foot building, named Falling Water Office Park, has recently been completed and was celebrated in a ceremony on June 30.

"We didn't want to show the place until the building was completely finished," said Radek Maly, president of Highland Forwarding and owner of the office building.

During construction, 200,000 cubic yards of solid granite needed to be removed from the site, all of which was used for the reconstruction of Exit 5 off of the Route 28 Interchange.

Maly hopes that completion of the building, which sits on 15 acres of land, will help extend their workforce by 100 employees.

Last week's event was about more than celebrating the building or the company, but the people who work there.

Fourteen different ethnicities are represented among the 30 Londonderry based employees.

Last week, national anthems were sung and flags were raised from Brazil, the Czech Republic, France, India, Philippines, Russia, Poland, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, the USA and Zambia.

Gov. Maggie Hassan, Londonderry town officials and members of the public were in attendance.

"We welcomed anyone to come and help sing their national anthem and help raise their flag, Maly said. "It's a unique experience and there aren't many opportunities to celebrate so many cultures at once around here."

Employees families were also in attendance.

Besides the appreciation for each country, Maly expressed a respect for Londonderry.

"We love New Hampshire," he said. "For us, the main thing is proximity to Manchester and the airport. We have great access to the highways here and the proximity was a great attraction to this area for us."

Highland Forwarding is the largest international logistic provider in New Hampshire, and has been named to the Inc. 5,000 Fastest Growing Companies in America list seven times.

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Ludivire and Michael Morbois raise their flag from France during a grand opening ceremony at Highland Forwarding in Londonderry. Flags were raised from 14 different countries, representing the company's multiculturalism and its employees from different countries raised their flags.