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**SMALL BUSINESS COUNCIL OF AMERICA
32ND ANNUAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS DAY AND CONGRESSIONAL AWARDS RECEPTION HONORS MEMBERS
OF CONGRESS AND SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND
FEATURES DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS ON SMALL BUSINESS ISSUES**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 8, 2015) – On May 6, 2015, the Small Business Council of America (SBCA) held its 32nd Annual Public Affairs Day and Congressional Awards Reception. The SBCA is a national non-partisan nonprofit organization which represents the interests of more than 20,000 privately-held and family-owned organizations on federal tax, employee benefit and health care issues.

The Public Affairs Day took place at the historic Willard Hotel, and featured presentations by Congressional staff members and administrative officials, as well as discussions of key issues facing small businesses.

Following the conclusion of Public Affairs Day, the SBCA presented the following awards during its Congressional Awards Reception on Capitol Hill:

Senator Tom Carper (D-DE) received the SBCA’s Congressional Award in recognition of his commitment to helping small businesses grow and remain an integral part of the American economy. As a member of the Senate Finance Committee, Senator Carper has proven himself a strong voice for small business who is willing to take on challenging and nuanced issues. The SBCA is grateful for Senator Carper’s dedication and service to the small business community.



Senator Tom Carper (right) and Jim Dalle Pазze (left)

“Small businesses put millions of Americans to work every day and are the strongest engines in our economy,” Sen. Carper said. “My job in Congress is to foster the nurturing environment that allows these small businesses to get started, hire more workers, and help our economy grow. I have made it a priority to identify and remove barriers to entry and growth for small businesses and enable them to continue to be a positive force for our economic recovery. I’m proud to be recognized by the SBCA for the small role I’ve played in that cause.”

Presenting the award to Senator Carper was SBCA Legal Advisory Board Member, Jim Dalle Pазze of Wilmington, Delaware.

Senator Johnny Isakson (R-GA) received the SBCA's Congressional Award in recognition of his understanding and appreciation of the critical tax issues that face small businesses across the country. As a member of the Senate Finance Committee and former small business owner, Senator Isakson understands the challenges small businesses face and has demonstrated his commitment to pursuing common sense tax reforms while protecting the needs and interests of small businesses. The SBCA appreciates Senator Isakson's careful consideration of small business issues and advocacy on their behalf.



Senator Johnny Isakson (right) and Brad Knox (left)

“I am honored to receive this award on behalf of small businessmen and women across the state of Georgia who create jobs and keep our economy moving,” said Sen. Isakson. “As someone who ran a small business for two decades, I understand the problems facing these hardworking Americans, and I do my best to effectively represent them when making policy decisions.”

Presenting the award to Senator Isakson was SBCA Director, Brad Knox of Washington, D.C.



Bill Parson (left) and Matthew Kadish (right)

Congressman Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) received the Congressional Award in recognition of his leadership and dedication to growing the American economy and improving conditions for businesses of all sizes. As Ranking Member of the House Budget Committee, Congressman Van Hollen has demonstrated his ability and willingness to tackle the most complex of legislative issues. The SBCA applauds Congressman Van Hollen for his leadership and common sense approach to governance and his commitment to the nation's small businesses.

Presenting the award to Congressman Van Hollen's Chief of Staff, Bill Parsons, was the CEO of the SBCA, Matthew Kadish of Cleveland, Ohio.



Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins (R-KS) received the Congressional Award for her advocacy on behalf of small business issues. As a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, Congresswoman Jenkins has played an active role in protecting small business interests, particularly in the area of tax. The SBCA thanks Congresswoman Jenkins' for her advocacy and dedication.

SBCA Director, Jim Nolan of Overland Park, Kansas, will present the award at the Congresswoman's state office.



The SBCA's Humanitarian of the Year Awards were presented to **Mick Ebeling** of Venice, California and **Vicky Partin** of Columbus, Georgia.

Mick Ebeling was honored for his work as the founder and CEO of Not Impossible, LLC, an organization that develops creative solutions to address real-world problems. Not Impossible's long list of remarkable achievements includes Project Daniel, an initiative through which Mr. Ebeling established the world's first 3D printing prosthetic lab and training facility which uses 3-D printers to

print and fit prosthetic limbs for children in the Sudan. Not Impossible is also the inventor of the Eyewriter, an open source, low-cost device that enables individuals with paralysis to communicate and create art using only the movement of their eyes.

The award was presented by SBCA Director, Neil Carrey of Los Angeles, California, who nominated Mr. Ebeling for the award. “Mick is not only a creative and talented individual, but more importantly he is a caring and giving person,” said Mr. Carrey. “I am proud to know him.”

Mick Ebeling (left) and Neil Carrey (right)



Vicky Partin was honored for her efforts as the Founding Director of Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry (CVEM). Under Mrs. Partin’s stewardship, CVEM has established numerous community-based interfaith and intercultural programs to combat poverty and promote social justice. Mrs. Partin, along with her husband John Partin, also owns a small business, Chat Glide Tours, LLC, which provides Segway tours in the Columbus area.

Vicky Partin (right) and Charles Johnson (left)

The award was presented by SBCA Treasurer, Charles Johnson of Columbus, GA. Mrs. Partin was nominated for the award by SBCA Director Morton Harris, who described Mrs. Partin as “a tireless leader and worker in initiating and developing effective programs which have and are helping those in need and which promote economic justice among people of different cultures, faiths and economic statuses.”

Thanks to the generous contributions of the Chris Carrey Charitable Foundation, SBCA Director Neil Carrey, and his wife, Karen Carrey, the SBCA, and the SBCA’s members, the SBCA was able to present the award winners with significant contributions for the Not Impossible, LLC and Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry



The Connie Murdoch Award was presented to **Brad Knox** of Washington, D.C. in recognition of his dedication and commitment to the SBCA and its principles. Created in honor of one of the founders of the SBCA – highly acclaimed Delaware tax attorney Connie Murdoch – this award is presented in his memory and in acknowledgement of his willingness to get involved in the democratic process in order to help small businesses. This is SBCA’s most important award given to a SBCA member. Mr. Knox was presented this award by last year’s Connie Murdoch Award Winner, Linda Parker. Mr. Knox has a deep understanding of the complex issues

that face small businesses and has used his knowledge and experience gained from his time as a Hill staffer, to help the SBCA promote the interest of small businesses.

The SBCA offers congratulations to all of its 2015 award winners.

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