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**SMALL BUSINESS COUNCIL OF AMERICA
HONORS MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS DURING
39TH ANNUAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS DAY AND CONGRESSIONAL AWARDS RECEPTION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 13, 2022) – On May 11, 2022, the Small Business Council of America (SBCA) held its 39th Annual Public Affairs Day and Congressional Awards Reception in Washington, D.C. The SBCA is a national non-partisan nonprofit organization which has represented the interests of more than 100,000 privately-held and family-owned organizations on federal tax, employee benefit and health care issues for the last four decades.

The Public Affairs Day and Congressional Awards Reception, which has long been the highlight of the SBCA’s annual calendar, was held in person for the first time since 2019. The Public Affairs Day featured discussion of the critical issues facing small businesses including pending tax legislation and regulations as well as post-pandemic recovery, inflation and the upcoming mid-term elections. During the Congressional Awards Reception, the SBCA highlighted the achievements and contributions of members of Congress and small business owners through the presentation of its annual awards.

The SBCA presented the following awards during its Congressional Awards Reception:



Senator John Thune (R-SD) was awarded the SBCA’s Congressional Award in recognition of his support of small businesses as a member of the Senate Finance Committee and Republican Leadership. Senator Thune was applauded for his efforts to promote pro-small business tax policies and his efforts to secure S corporations and other closely held businesses fair and equitable treatment when compared to their C corporation counterparts.

Senator John Thune (R-SD) (center) with SBCA Co-Vice President and Board Member Karen Rotgin-Bialek (right) and Andrew Bialek (left)

Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO) was awarded the SBCA’s Congressional Award for his diligent efforts to ensure that America’s hardest hit small businesses had, and continue to have, the resources they need to survive and recover from the pandemic. Senator Bennet was honored for his ongoing commitment to these critical small business issues, including his recent efforts to urge the Small Business Administration (SBA) to extend the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) deferment period.

Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO) (right) with SBCA Strategic Policy Director Jessica Summers (left)



Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) was awarded the SBCA's Special Congressional Award of his outspoken efforts to protect the interests of America's small businesses and oppose measures that would stifle small business growth and recovery. The Special Congressional Appreciation Award is the SBCA's highest Congressional Award and has been presented just a handful of times during the SBCA's distinguished history. Senator Manchin previously received the SBCA's Congressional Award in 2018, which made him eligible for the Special Congressional Appreciation Award



Congresswoman Young Kim (R-CA) was awarded the SBCA Congressional Award for her work as a member of the Problem Solvers Caucus and the House Committee on Small Business to find common-sense solutions to the challenges facing our nation's small businesses. Having personal experience as a small business owner, Congresswoman Kim was acknowledged for the critical perspective and insights that she has brought to Congress during these challenging times.

Congresswoman Young Kim (R-CA) (right) with SBCA Board Member Neil Carrey (left)

Congresswoman Liz Cheney (R-CA) was awarded the SBCA Special Recognition Award for her commitment to putting American institutions and democratic values before partisanship. The award will presented to Congresswoman Cheney at a later date. Congresswoman Cheney was further recognized for her understanding of the unique role that family owned businesses play in our economy and her efforts to ensure that those businesses thrive across generations, including through the protection of the step-up in basis.

Congressman Dean Phillips (D-MN) was also awarded the SBCA Congressional Award in absentia. The award will presented to Congressman Phillips at a later date. Congressman Phillips was acknowledged for his work as Vice Chair of the Problem Solvers Caucus to promote bi-partisanship and for his efforts to increase aid to small businesses and help small businesses secure the resources they needed to survive and recover from the pandemic.



The SBCA's Mort Harris Small Business Person of the Year Award was presented to **Nathaniel Winston** of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, for exemplifying an entrepreneurial spirit and the success of small business. Mr. Hoffmann is the owner of ECP Auto Repair and Service. Over just fourteen years, through the investment of countless hours, personal sacrifices and sweat equity, Mr. Winston and his business partner grew ECP Auto Repair and Service from an idea to a thriving and well respected business.

Nathaniel Winston (right) with SBCA President Matthew Kadish (left)

The SBCA's Humanitarian of the Year Award was presented to **Beverlee Miller Raymond** of West Palm Beach, Florida. Ms. Raymond is the Founder and CEO of Extraordinary Charities, Inc. which works to equip and empower smaller nonprofit organizations in Palm Beach County by providing shared physical resources, financial support, and developing and deploying strategic partnerships among organizations. Extraordinary Charities' vision is to create a community-wide awareness of the impact of smaller nonprofit organizations in the area. Thanks to the generous contributions of the SBCA, SBCA Director Neil Carrey and his wife, Karen Carrey, and many SBCA members, the SBCA was able to present Mr. DeCaire with a significant contribution from the Chris Carrey Charitable Foundation.



Beverlee Miller Raymond (center) with SBCA Board Members Neil Carrey (left) and Mitchell Rubin (right)



The SBCA's Connie Murdoch Award was presented to SBCA Board of Directors Member **Mitchell Rubin** of Houston, Texas. The Connie Murdoch Award, which is named in honor of one of the SBCA's founders, is the highest award presented by the SBCA to one of its own members. Mr. Rubin received the award in recognition of his leadership and his commitment to helping the SBCA grow, thrive and continue to be a leading voice for America's small businesses.

Mitchell Rubin (right) with SBCA Co-Vice President and Board Member Karen Rotgin-Bialek (left)

The SBCA offers congratulations to all of its 2022 award winners.

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