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Manhattan Institute holds record breaking fundraiser Honors Herman Badillo and Maurice Greenberg with Alexander Hamilton Award

On Tuesday, April 22, 2008, the **Manhattan Institute for Policy Research** held its annual fundraiser, the Alexander Hamilton Award Dinner, **raising nearly \$2.3 million dollars – a record for this event.** Paul E. Singer, Manhattan Institute's newly elected chairman of the board of trustees, served as dinner chairman. The 2008 honorees are: the **Honorable Herman Badillo**, former U.S. congressman, deputy mayor of New York City, and Bronx borough president, who was introduced by former Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani; and **Maurice R. "Hank" Greenberg**, chairman and CEO of C.V. Starr & Co., Inc. who was introduced by former U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger. The black-tie event was held at the Pierre Hotel with 550 guests.

Paul Singer welcomed the guests, "Thank you to all our donors without whom this institute would not be able to accomplish great work."

The Alexander Hamilton Award recognizes New Yorkers who exemplify Hamiltonian values: civic leadership, fiscal restraint, entrepreneurial spirit, and energetic public debate.

The first U.S. congressman of Puerto Rican origin and the first Puerto Rican to be elected Bronx borough president, **Herman Badillo** has had a long and distinguished career of public service and has helped pave the way for a generation of Puerto Rican and other minority political leaders in New York. Currently a Manhattan Institute senior fellow writing on immigration issues his, 2007 book, *One Nation, One Standard: An Ex-Liberal on How Hispanics Can Succeed Just Like Other Immigrant Groups*, challenges the received wisdom of liberal social policy and urges the Hispanic community to embrace self-reliance and assimilation.

Badillo proudly accepted the honor, commenting, "With just one standard for all we can truly be one nation – a goal that I believe would be enthusiastically approved by Alexander Hamilton."

Maurice R. Greenberg is chairman and CEO of C. V. Starr and Company. He joined C. V. Starr and Company as vice president in 1960, was elected director in 1965, president and CEO in 1968, and chairman and CEO in 2005. Mr. Greenberg is chairman of The Starr Foundation, one of the largest private foundations in the country. As The Starr Foundation chairman, Mr. Greenberg oversees the disbursement of major financial support to academic, medical, cultural, and public policy institutions. Mr. Greenberg serves on several boards including the Manhattan Institute.

"It has been gratifying to have worked over the years as a Manhattan Institute trustee to help build it into one of the nation's pre-eminent policy think tanks," Greenberg remarked in accepting the Award.

The Alexander Hamilton Award was created to celebrate New York and honor those individuals helping to foster the revitalization of our nation's cities. The Manhattan Institute chose to name the award after Hamilton because, like the Manhattan Institute, he was a fervent proponent of commerce and civic life, and he believed the health of the nation hinged upon vibrant cities.

Previous award recipients include Rubert Murdoch, former Mayors Rudy Giuliani and Edward Koch, author Tom Wolfe, former Governor Hugh Carey, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, and philanthropists Roger Hertog, Chuck Brunie, and Walter Mintz. More information is available online at www.manhattan-institute.org/html/ah_2008.htm.

Full video of the event will be available soon on the Manhattan Institute website, www.manhattan-institute.org.

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