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PRESS RELEASE

\$50 MILLION DOLLARS of PHILANTROPY, A SIXTY YEAR CAREER, SERVICE and a FAMILY DYNASTY SHOWCASED at ATLANTA BUSINESS LEAGUE TUESDAY CEREMONY

Atlanta Business League's Men of Influence Induction Ceremony Lauds three Legends, one Legacy and Twenty Nine Leaders

(ATLANTA GA July 15, 2009) Nathaniel Bronner Sr. would have been proud. Descendents from his family booked and filled four tables at the third Annual Men of Influence induction ceremony, hosted by the Atlanta Business League.

Bronner Sr., who died in 1993, received the ABL's Men of Influence Legacy award posthumously. A video tribute explained to the audience how he helped to found a company that is now internationally known.

"The Atlanta Business League considers itself an information clearinghouse," Leona Barr-Davenport, President and CEO of the Atlanta Business League said, "And in doing so we want to make sure we continue to educate people at all levels on individuals who have made a difference in our community. So it is more than appropriate to raise the level of knowledge and awareness of people like Nathaniel Bronner, so that our children and professionals in the city who may not have known where something started will know the African American community helped this industry build the legacy that we talk about again today."

Mr Bronner's widow, Robbie and two of his six sons, Nathaniel Jr. and Bernard, spoke about the principles the family patriarch instilled. The visual highlight of the Bronner family tribute culminated with more than twenty-five representatives from the family's third generation lining up on stage.

Three other well known and successful African-American men received Legends awards. The retired pastor from Cascade United Methodist church, Reverend Walter Kimbrough; food service entrepreneur Nathaniel Goldston III and former president of the 100 Black Men of Atlanta, William "Sonny" Walker also had video tributes played for the audience highlighting their achievements.

Each vignette revealed a fact about the inductees that brought the crowd of approximately four hundred people to its feet. The video tributes explained that Goldston had given nearly \$50 million dollars in scholarships and philanthropic endeavors; Reverend Kimbrough viewed his position on the MARTA board as an extension of his ministry and "Sonny" Walker had served as a leader in Civil Rights, education, legislation and business since 1956.

One other group of men also received accolades. They are the list of twenty-nine names attached to this press release. Each had a chance to come on stage, speak his name and briefly describe the agency or professional affiliation that made him accepted as a man of influence.

Emcees Frank Ski, WVEE-FM radio personality and Men of Influence inductee from a previous year and Jovita Moore, anchor/reporter from WSB-TV, kept the program moving.

Scarlet Pressley-Brown from Delta Air Lines and Sharmen Gowens of the Atlanta Journal Constitution served as co-chairs for the event.

The official ceremony started at 7:00 p.m., but was preceded by a reception in the ballroom lobby of the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. A jazz band played while award recipients and the people who came to see them had a chance to mingle.

Publix Supermarkets provided desserts during the ceremony.

ABOUT THE ABL

THE ATLANTA BUSINESS LEAGUE IS AN AFFILIATE OF THE NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE FOUNDED BY BOOKER T WASHINGTON AS A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION IN 1900. THE ABL SEEKS TO FOSTER THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF SUCCESSFUL WOMEN AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN OWNED BUSINESSES IN THE METRO ATLANTA AREA. THE ABL ENCOURAGES ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND PATRONAGE OF MINORITY OWNED ENTERPRISES.