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SOUTH BAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD HONORS JAMES T. BUTTS, MAYOR, CITY OF INGLEWOOD, PARTICIPANTS, BUSINESSES AND TOP TRAINING PROVIDERS AT 18TH ANNUAL ALUMNI & AWARDS BREAKFAST

HAWTHORNE – The 18TH Annual South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) Alumni & Awards Breakfast themed “*Achieving Greatness*” was held at the Ayres Hotel in Hawthorne, and attended by more than 300 civic leaders, employers, training providers and graduates of job and career training programs. The Awards Breakfast celebrated the outstanding accomplishments of the workforce investment community and honored the late John Parsons, former SBWIB board member and former Redondo Beach councilmember, who was recognized by SBWIB Board Chairperson Wayne Spencer.

Among those on hand were keynote speaker Dr. Willie J. Hagan, President, California State University, Dominguez Hills who, on behalf of the University, presented not only an inspiring address, but also gave a \$50,000 donation to support the recently opened Inglewood Teen Center and several other successful youth programs offered by the SBWIB. Other special guests included US Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Assemblymember Steven Bradford, City of Carson Mayor Jim Dear, City of Lawndale Mayor Harold Hoffman, and a host of other civic leaders and elected officials. The coveted Esther Williams Award of Excellence was awarded to City of Inglewood Mayor James T. Butts present by SBWIB Vice-chair and President of Centinela Hospital, Linda Bradley. Mayor Butts expressed his most earnest appreciation for receiving such an award in the company of peers he both admires and respects.

Jan Vogel, CEO, SBWIB gave a brief summary of a few of the award recipients, who, despite their personal barriers, severe obstacles, and the economic downturn, had successes. The eighteenth breakfast award recipients were Martha Alvarez, Krystal Beaudette, Anahi Corte, Michelle Garcia, De’Anna Gil, Patricia Herron, Jamaal Jones, Sheera Jean-Marie, Ebony Spann, and Kennia Viera. Mr. Vogel also recognized several outstanding employers who collectively hired dozens of participants over the year. These employers were Beach Cities Health District, Eagle Summit Builders, Gate Gourmet, PLS Financial Services, Inc., Sharpe Interior Systems, and SpaceX.

For more information on the Annual Alumni & Awards Breakfast please call Jan Vogel at (310) 970-7700.

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