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NYBC honors luminaries' lifetime of achievement

Nearly 1,100 men and women from the design, construction, and real estate community gathered on May 15 to pay tribute to John E. Zuccotti, John M. Dionisio,

and Thomas F. Gilbane, Jr. for their lifetimes of professional achievement and civic devotion, during the New York Building Congress 93rd Anniversary Leadership Awards

Luncheon at the New York Hilton Midtown.

The luncheon included a greeting on behalf of Mayor Bill de Blasio from Deputy Mayor for Housing and Eco-

nomics Development Alicia Glen.

The event also attracted a wide range of elected officials and agency leaders, including New York State Comptroller

Thomas P. DiNapoli, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, Queens Borough President Melinda R. Katz, New York State Transportation Commissioner Joan M. McDonald, MTA NYC Transit President Carmen Bianco, DASNY President Paul T. Williams, Jr., New York City Department of Design and Construction Commissioner Feniosky Peña-Mora, New York City Department of City Planning Commissioner Carl Weisbrod, and New York City School Construction Author-

ity President and CEO Lorraine Grillo.

Deputy Mayor Glen applauded the afternoon's honorees and the industry for helping to create a strong, growing, and diverse city.

She then implored the industry to work collaboratively in helping to achieve the administration's top priority – to create 200,000 units of affordable housing for half a million New Yorkers.

"Every single person in this room needs to be part



Richard T. Anderson, New York Building Congress; Jonathan D. Resnick, Jack Resnick & Sons; Eric Rudin, Rudin Management Company; Thomas Z. Scarangelo, Thornton Tomasetti; Todd J. Jones, Willis North America, Inc.; John E. Zuccotti, Brookfield Office Properties; Sharon Greenberger, New York-Presbyterian Hospital; John M. Dionisio, AECOM; Thomas F. Gilbane Jr., Gilbane, Inc.; Alicia Glen, NYC Department of Housing and Economic Development.

of this. We ask you to throw your weight behind the effort," which, she added, will spur 195,000 construction jobs over the next decade.

Rudin Management vice chairman and president Eric Rudin presented the 2014 Jack and Lewis Rudin Award for Service to New York City to Brookfield Office Properties co-chairman John E. Zuccotti.

"It is easy to call John Zuccotti a man for all seasons," said Rudin. "His distinguished career in City and federal government and in the private sector, as well as his many

charitable endeavors, are an inspiration to us all.

"My father Jack holds John in great esteem. He is one of a few select people who have made New York City what it is today — a global leader without peer."

In his acceptance, Zuccotti regaled those in attendance with a humorous and self-deprecating look at his career, which put him face to face with real estate bankruptcies, municipal financial crises, the rise of Fidel Castro, and even the Iran hostage crisis.

On a much more serious note, he spoke of his pride in the opening of the 9/11 Memorial Museum, which had occurred