

Seeking to put numerical ratings on service to these various stakeholder groups, the 100 Best Corporate Citizens list uses data provided by KLD Research & Analytics of Boston. It employs statistical analysis to identify those major public U.S. companies that excel at serving a variety of stakeholders well, using eight measures of service: stockholders, community, governance, diversity, employees, environment, human rights, and product.

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**WATERBURY COFFEE FIRM DESERVES HIGH PRAISE**

Vermont should take pride in the accomplishments of Green Mountain Coffee Roasters Inc., the Waterbury company named the nation's top corporate citizen by Business Ethics magazine.

For this company, which employs 600 people, the human dimension clearly matters. Employees, the local community and coffee workers in far-away places have benefited from Green Mountain Coffee's refreshing divergence from the standard of bottom-line business.

In its annual "100 Best Corporate Citizens," Business Ethics magazine praised Green Mountain Coffee for its corporate social responsibility, in particular its commitment to fair trade, a Free Press story said. Fair trade ensures coffee growers are paid fairly with a guaranteed minimum price. Sales of the company's fair trade coffee have done extremely well, especially with a lucrative deal signed last fall with McDonald's restaurants in the Northeast.

Not only are the company's ethics admirable, Green Mountain also makes money—a winning combination that other businesses should heed for long-term success.

Within the organization, employees receive a firsthand education on the product they handle. Every year, a group of U.S. workers travel to coffee-growing areas in Mexico to experience the hard labor of picking and sorting beans. According to the magazine's Web site, the annual trips have given these employees a real appreciation of the work done in Mexico. It can be a life-changing experience.

The magazine, which has compiled the corporate citizens' list for seven years, has included Green Mountain Coffee in four of those years, including a second place last year. Chittenden Corp. was the only other Vermont business on the list, coming in at 26th place. The bank also deserves recognition.

To compile the list, eight measures of service are considered by Business Ethics: stockholders, community, governance, diversity, employees, environment, human rights, and the product, the magazine's Web site said.

There are many companies in Vermont that take their social responsibilities seriously. In 1990, Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility was created by a group of businesspeople who shared the belief that companies have a duty to their employees, the environment and their communities as well as to their stockholders. Last month, the organization named Green Mountain Power of Colchester its "Large Company Leader of the Year" for the company's socially responsible approach to business. It's an impressive award, and a rare one for a utility.

With companies like Green Mountain Coffee, Chittenden Corp., and Green Mountain Power in our midst, the bar has been set high for other companies in the state and across the country. Bravo to them for leading the way.

**ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS**

**HONORING JANE HUNN**

• Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable science teacher, Jane Hunn, from Tippecanoe Valley Middle School in Akron. Last week, Jane was honored with the 2005 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, the Nation's highest honor for teaching in these fields.

Jane is the only winner from Indiana and one of just 100 middle and high school teachers nationwide to receive this prestigious award. This award is an extraordinary honor to Jane. It recognizes her hard work and dedication to her students and their academic achievement.

Now more than ever, education is the key to greater personal opportunity. Here in Washington, I have fought to ensure that education is available and accessible to all our Nation's students. However, the real, heroic work is done on the ground, in our schools, by teachers like Jane.

Jane has concentrated on including hands-on learning in her classroom as a way to challenge and inspire her students. In her own words, she "would much rather put the students in the active role of discoverers than be the fountain of knowledge. They really own their discoveries when they do activities and put together their own findings." By allowing them to take an active role in their own education, Jane has made science accessible to every student regardless of his or her learning ability.

Through countless hours of work both inside and outside the classroom, Jane has demonstrated her commitment to ensuring the success of future generations and to encouraging the curiosity and development of our Hoosier youth. I am sure that hundreds of Akron students both past and present, along with their families, join me in expressing my sincere gratitude for her efforts.

On behalf of the State of Indiana, I thank Jane for her dedication to her profession and our young people, and I am proud to enter her name in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of the Senate.●

**AWARD TO DR. PHILIP GOLD**

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I rise to congratulate Dr. Philip Gold on receiving the Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Award. The Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Award was established to pay tribute to those members of Congregation Emanu El who have conspicuously and exceptionally reflected Rabbi Feldheim's qualities of love for and loyalty to the synagogue, service to the community, and the personal traits of humility, loving kindness, care, and love. Dr. Gold receives this award as part of the ceremonies marking the 115th anniversary of the founding of the congregation.

Dr. Philip M. Gold has been an extraordinarily devoted leader of Congregation Emanu El through his service as a member of its board of directors since 1990. He served as secretary, second vice-president, vice-president, and, from 2000 until 2002, he served as the president of the congregation.

During his remarkable tenure with Congregation Emanu El, Dr. Gold has masterfully guided it through a period of leadership change. He has been an inspirational leader of the congregation with a deep love for Judaism, participation in worship and education, and an exemplary commitment to Jewish values and their application to contemporary society.

In addition to his immense contributions to Congregation Emanu El, Dr. Gold is a highly respected physician and teacher, and he has been recognized by his colleagues as a leader in the field of medicine. He has served as the president of various medical organizations, and he has received numerous awards for his work and achievements.

As his family, colleagues, patients, and fellow congregants would attest, Dr. Philip M. Gold is a truly deserving recipient of an award that honors the importance of integrity, character, ethics, humility, and love for others. Throughout his life, Dr. Gold has consistently embodied the best ideals of human values.

I congratulate Dr. Philip M. Gold on receiving the Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Award and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.●

**100TH ANNIVERSARY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

• Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of North Augusta, SC. Preceded by the settlements of Hamburg and Campbelltown, North Augusta was founded on the north bank of the Savannah River in 1892 by James U. Jackson, whose development company planned the city's original layout. Officially chartered a town on April 11, 1906, North Augusta remained small and mostly residential until the early 1950s when the Savannah River Site was built. Thereafter, the town tripled in size, becoming a city. During the next half century, as new subdivisions were constructed around the city, commercial development flourished. Today, North Augusta is known for its first-class recreational facilities, community league sports teams, and caring people. It is a city that prides itself on responsive government and a strong sense of community. With a healthy respect for its past, an emerging riverfront, and careful growth, the city's future is bright.●

**MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.