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Announcing
Manhattan Institute’s 2012 Alexander Hamilton Award Honorees

His Eminence
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

The Honorable Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
49th Governor, State of Indiana

James Q. Wilson
(In Memoriam, 1931-2012)

On Monday, April 21, 2012, the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research held its twelfth annual Alexander Hamilton Award Dinner. The award recognizes New Yorkers who exemplify Hamiltonian values: civic leadership, fiscal restraint, entrepreneurial spirit, and commitment to energetic public debate. This year’s recipients were His Eminence Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, The Honorable Mitchell Daniels, Jr., 49th Governor of the State of Indiana, and James Q. Wilson, in memoriam. A crowd of New York’s business, media, and philanthropic elite—700 strong—attended in support of the Institute. The annual black-tie fundraiser, held at Cipriani 42nd Street in New York City, raised over $1.7 million this year for the Manhattan Institute.

“All three of our honorees this year epitomize the Hamiltonian combination of ideas and action that we seek to celebrate with this dinner,” said Larry Mone, president of the Manhattan Institute.

Cardinal Dolan, introduced by the Hon. Edward I. Koch, has worked tirelessly to invigorate New York City’s Catholic schools, which deliver an exceptional education to some of Gotham’s most disadvantaged children.

Governor Mitch Daniels, introduced by The Weekly Standard editor William Kristol, has provided the nation with an outstanding example of the art of governing—improving the quality of public services, while reducing the financial burden on taxpayers. Through market oriented health-care policies, pragmatic infrastructure investments, and promoting efficiency in public services, Gov. Daniels has established a climate where Indiana’s businesses and families can flourish and prosper.

“I’ve learned so much from the Manhattan Institute over the years and am so honored for this recognition. This is a tribute to all those who have come together in public service to deliver better results for Hoosier taxpayers,” said Gov. Daniels.

The Manhattan Institute is also paying tribute to James Q. Wilson (1931-2012), for his work in developing the “broken windows” approach to policing, responsible for so much of the city’s revival over the past few decades. Manhattan Institute senior fellow Heather Mac Donald delivered remarks.
“Tonight, when you go out into this breathtakingly seductive city, give thanks to James Q. Wilson, whose understanding of the precious, precarious nature of civic order did so much to restore New York to its glory,” said Heather Mac Donald.

The Alexander Hamilton Award was created to honor those individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the nation’s civic and intellectual life. The award is named after Hamilton because, like the Manhattan Institute, he was a man of ideas and action.


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

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