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Ambassador Andrew J. Young to Receive Council for Quality Growth's Prestigious Four Pillar Award *Ambassador Young Honored for His Extensive Public Service Locally and Internationally*

ATLANTA - The Council for Quality Growth will honor Ambassador Andrew Jackson Young, former Ambassador to the United Nations and Chairman of the Andrew J. Young Foundation, with its 32nd annual Four Pillar Award. The prestigious Four Pillar Tribute recognizes an outstanding individual who demonstrates the 'Four Pillars' of leadership – Quality, Responsibility, Vision and Integrity – and exemplifies the Council's mission of promoting balanced and responsible growth.

Young's lifelong dedication to service is illustrated by his extensive leadership experience of over sixty-five years serving as a member of Congress, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Mayor of Atlanta, Civil Rights Leader, and ordained minister, among other positions.

"Ambassador Young has been a champion for education and economic opportunity, not only here in Atlanta, but across the nation and internationally," said Council for Quality Growth President and CEO Michael Paris. "His lifelong focus on human rights has led to better lives for so many people. He is a shining example of what the Four Pillars stand for."

"I've always felt at home here in Atlanta, having fought along side my fellow Civil Rights activists and being elected as Mayor of this great City. I'm humbled to receive this honor, and hope my legacy is more than just a story. It's a call to action," said Ambassador Young on receiving the prestigious award.

Doug Jenkins, the Council's 2021 Chairman and Georgia Power's Metro North Region Director also added that, "Ambassador Young not only embodies the Four Pillars of Leadership – he himself is a pillar of Atlanta, our state and this nation. He has given an immeasurable amount of his life to this community and so many others. We are honored to recognize the Ambassador with our Four Pillar Award."

The Council for Quality Growth is still assessing when and how the 2021 Four Pillar Tribute will be presented. The event details will be announced as soon as possible based on the latest best-practices on the safety of social gatherings. The Council is proud to honor Ambassador Young with its Four Pillar Tribute. Sponsorship information is available at www.fourpillartribute.com.

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About the Four Pillar Tribute:

For 32 years the Council for Quality Growth has paid tribute to an outstanding individual in the metro Atlanta region who exemplifies the Council's mission of promoting balanced and responsible growth through an annual leadership tribute gala that recognizes the 'Four Pillars' of leadership – Quality, Responsibility, Vision and Integrity.

The Four Pillar Award and Tribute is an unparalleled honor that allows the opportunity for the metro Atlanta region and State of Georgia to celebrate the recipient's significant contributions to quality of life, community leadership and economic development. The gala and award have come to be known as the highest honor bestowed for the contributions. The event provides a platform to align the honorees' impacts on the region and the state with the Council's ambitions and serves as a beacon of inspiration to perpetuate our economic prosperity.



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Past recipients of the Council's Four Pillar award include:

1990	Steve Reynolds	2001	Louise Radloff	2012	Sam Massell
1991	Wayne Shackelford	2002	George Busbee	2013	John Portman
1992	J.W. Benefield	2003	F. Wayne Hill	2014	Steve Selig
1993	D. Scott Hudgens	2004	Charlie Brown	2015	Dan Cathy
1994	Wayne H. Mason	2005	Senator Johnny Isakson	2016	Jenny Pruitt
1995	Virgil R. Williams	2006	John Wieland	2017	Governor Nathan Deal
1996	Paul A. Duke	2007	John A. Williams	2018	Paul Bowers
1997	Jim Cowart	2008	Tom Cousins	2019	Larry Gellerstedt
1998	J.D. Caswell	2009	Mayor Shirley Franklin	2020	Doug Hertz
1999	A. Ray Weeks	2010	Arthur M. Blank		
2000	Richard L. Tucker	2011	R. Charles Loudermilk, Sr.		

About the Council for Quality Growth:

The Council for Quality Growth is a trade organization that works to ensure continued growth and economic success for generations to come by providing advocacy, information and education to its members. For 35 years, the Council has been committed to the mission of promoting balanced and responsible growth and is proactively involved in the formulation of policy and legislation critical to the growth and development industry. The Council addresses, head-on, strategic economic planning, infrastructure needs and tough quality-of-life issues throughout the metro Atlanta region and state. <http://www.councilforqualitygrowth.org>

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