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### **Chamber Honors William B. Greene Jr. with 3<sup>rd</sup> Amzi Smith Award Recipient**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Amzi Smith Award recipient, William B. Greene Jr., was recognized during the Chamber of Commerce's 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Membership Meeting on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. This award recognizes a distinguished business person whose attributes mirrored the first volunteer leader of our Chamber of Commerce, Amzi Smith, who brought together like minded business leaders, established the Chamber in 1915, and reached past the corporate limit lines to work with our neighboring communities.

Mr. Greene and his company, have Carter County roots, where Carter County Bank was established just over 75 years ago by a group of local business leaders. Greene purchased Carter County Bank and First People's Bank in 1964 making him the country's youngest bank president at the age of 26. In 1974, Greene and his father, William B Greene Sr., opened Bank of Tennessee in downtown Kingsport, TN. Since that time, the banks have combined and expanded to include 19 locations throughout Middle and East Tennessee, Western North Carolina and an Operations Center near the TriCities Regional Airport.

"We have seen the growth of this institution and leadership that the bank and its founder are known for," said Jeff Jones, 2015 Chair. The bank's core values revolve around attitude, a 'we' approach to customer service, with results that achieve and exceed expectations of the customers. Mr. Greene's imprint on our region is significant as a supporter and leader in many endeavors that enhance the overall quality of life for the citizens of the Tri Cities TN/VA region. Milligan College, ETSU, and many more nonprofit organizations have enjoyed the participation of Mr. Greene and his financial institutions.

"All of us are smarter than any one of us. This is not an award I won by myself; there were many other visionary people that pushed me forward," said Greene.

"Bill Greene is the business man most worthy of the recognition from the Johnson City Chamber, our original name 100 years ago. We recall that working with our neighbors in Carter County was a major endeavor, where we built a road, constructed houses, and worked to bring manufacturing to Elizabethton," said Gary Mabrey, President and CEO of the Johnson City/Washington County Chamber of Commerce. "We know that Bill's family and legacy began in Carter County, and subsequently over the years we have seen him move his enterprises to Johnson City, the region, statewide, and places in the southeast."

Bill Greene joins Dr. Richard A. Manahan and the late Dr. Don Jeanne's as our only two recipients of this very special award. "The two recipients, Manahan and Jeanes, have a unique tie to Bill, with ETSU and Milligan as benefactors of his philanthropy and of course, their friendship," said Joe Carr, 2016 Chair.

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