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**BGE's Calvin Butler Named Baltimore Museum of Industry's 2017 Industrialist of the Year**

**Baltimore, Maryland** – Calvin G. Butler, Jr. will be presented with the 2017 William Donald Schaefer Industrialist of the Year Award from the Baltimore Museum of Industry at a luncheon on Thursday, June 8, 2017.

Butler is the chief executive officer of Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE), the nation's first gas utility. Butler is responsible for BGE's successful execution of the company's six key areas: safety, reliability, distinctive customer service, innovation and technology and diversity and inclusion. Butler also is a member of BGE's Board of Directors and a member of the executive committee of BGE's parent company, Exelon. Butler currently serves on the RLI Corp Board of Directors and is a member of the Audit and Nominations/Governance committees.

The Industrialist of the Year award was introduced in 2004 to recognize and celebrate Maryland's visionary business leaders distinguished by their innovative approaches to industry and dedication to the well-being of their communities. The award is presented at a business networking luncheon each spring at the Baltimore Museum of Industry and raises funds in support of the BMI's educational programs. Each year, the museum's hands-on programs serve more than 80,000 school visitors and enhance the state curriculum standards in social studies, language arts, math and science.

"BGE reached an incredible milestone last year—their 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary—and with Calvin at the helm is poised for many more successful years to come. He epitomizes what this award celebrates—not only success and ingenuity on the business front, but support of charitable interests in the surrounding communities," says Anita Kassof, executive director of the Baltimore Museum of Industry.

Prior to becoming CEO in March 2014, Butler served as BGE's senior vice president, regulatory and external affairs. Butler also served as Exelon's senior vice president of corporate affairs and held other leadership positions at Exelon and BGE's sister utility, ComEd (Chicago). During the Exelon and Constellation Energy merger, Butler played a critical role in company and stakeholder relations. Before joining Exelon in 2008, Butler held senior leadership roles in external affairs as well as manufacturing with the print, digital and supply chain solutions company RR Donnelley. Butler spent his early career with CILCORP (Central Illinois Light Co.), where he worked in government affairs, legal and strategy. Butler serves on the boards of several prominent Baltimore-based organizations including the Baltimore Community Foundation, the University of Maryland Medical Center, the Kennedy Krieger Institute, the Greater Baltimore Committee, the Maryland Zoological Society (Maryland Zoo in Baltimore), the Enoch Pratt Free Library, the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, the Center Club and Caves Valley Golf Club.

Butler also serves on the board of the Institute of International Education, a not-for-profit organization focused on advancing scholarship, promoting access to education, and building economies. In 2016, Butler chaired the United Way of Central Maryland's giving campaign, and co-chaired the National Urban League Annual Conference Host Committee. He was also the 2016 chair of Baltimore's inaugural Light City Festival, a celebration of innovation and light that brought 400,000 people to downtown Baltimore. He also co-chairs the Maryland Chamber of Commerce's Competitiveness Coalition and the BLocal initiative, a pledge by Baltimore's leading businesses to buy, build and hire locally. Butler has been recognized by several organizations for his leadership and community commitment. Among his honors, The Daily Record named Butler one of Maryland's "Most Admired CEOs" and one of the top 35 Influential Marylanders. He also received an honorary doctorate of Humane Letters from Morgan State University in 2013.

Butler earned a bachelor's degree from Bradley University in Peoria, Ill., and a Juris Doctor degree from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, Mo. He remains actively involved with both institutions. Butler and his wife, Sharon, have two children, Blake Calvin and Raini Alexis.

Sponsors for the Industrialist of the Year event include: ASR Group/Domino Sugars, BGE, BakerDonelson, Baltimore Business Journal, FOX45, KCI Technologies, The Bozzuto Group, Whiting-Turner, WYPR, Ellin & Tucker, P. Flanigan & Sons, Mahogany, Inc., Miles & Stockbridge, Economic Alliance of Greater Baltimore, T Rowe Price, SC&H Group, Maryland Department of Commerce, Rossman, Hurt and Hoffman, Inc., Direct Dimensions, BD Diagnostics, Cho Benn Holback + Associates, and the Greater Baltimore Committee.

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#### ABOUT THE BMI:

The Baltimore Museum of Industry celebrates Maryland's industrial legacy and shows how innovation fuels ongoing progress. Our exhibitions, educational programs, and collections engage visitors in the stories of the people who built Baltimore and those who shape the region's future.

#### VISITOR INFORMATION:

The Baltimore Museum of Industry is located at 1415 Key Highway, Inner Harbor South, Baltimore, MD 21230. The BMI is open Tuesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and closed Mondays and certain holidays. Free on-site parking is available. Admission prices, general museum information and directions can be found at [www.thebmi.org](http://www.thebmi.org). Follow us on Facebook at [BaltimoreMuseumofIndustry](https://www.facebook.com/BaltimoreMuseumofIndustry) and on Twitter at @BMIatWork.

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