Presented on Thursday at the 24th Annual Cyprus, Hellenic and Orthodox Issues Conference, the *Livanos Award* distinguishes Greek individuals who have worked for great achievements in society while remembering their Hellenic values.

â€œThe George P. Livanos Award is reserved for those Hellenes who, like George Livanos, have been particularly effective in their sacrifices for the betterment of our community,â€ said Andrew Manatos, president of NCEH. â€œAs a member of the European Affairs Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Congressman Bilirakis has ably fulfilled the awardâ€™s criteria.â€

Awarded annually, previous *Livanos Award* recipients have included: then-CIA Director George Tenet; then-Director of National Intelligence John Negroponte; former Senator Paul Sarbanes; former Governor and U.S. Presidential Nominee Michael Dukakis; and then-Assistant to the President for Homeland Security Frances Fragos Townsend.