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KV Kumar is the recipient of the prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor in 2015. He has served all Presidents from President Ronald Reagan to Donald Trump. KV Kumar is an ardent supporter of Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs and a tireless volunteer for community service. He is the recipient of many prestigious awards and honors including the Most Influential Multi-Cultural Business Leader in 2009; Brain Injury Association (USA) honored him for his Unheralded Advocacy, which led to the enactment of 1996 Traumatic Brain Injury Act by U.S. Congress; U.S. Selective Service awarded the Bronze Medal for Kumar’s service. Kumar is Featured in “250 Notable Asian Americans”.

Expertise: Alliance Building; Business Turnaround; Crisis Management; Diversity; Liaison & Government Relations; NGO’s & Non-Profit Organizations; & Strategic Planning.

Education: Master’s Degree in Organization Development & Planning; Bachelor’s Degree in Economics; Diploma in Industrial & Production Engineering.

Managing Partner
KVKumar & Associates, LLC.

Management Consulting Company & Turnaround Specialists serving entrepreneurs, small and medium business.

Consultant to Management
Corporations, NGO’s, Governments & Small Business Owners

1987-Present
Chairman & CEO
2017-Present

National Indian American Chamber of Commerce

- Member, California State District Appeals Board, U.S. Selective Service (2009-Present);
- Chairman, Board of Trustees, North American Kannada Association (NAVIKA, 2018-Present);
- Member, National Advisory Board, The Latino Coalition (TLC, 2013-Present);
- Member, National Advisory Board. Hispanic100 (2013-Present);
- Member, Board of Directors, Indian American Friendship Council (2017-Present);
- Member, Board of Trustees, International Women’s Think Tank (2014- Present);

Formerly:

Healthcare Company, California 2009-2012

Managed a privately held healthcare company in Southern California. Expanded the company and turned around. Instituted a variety of forward-looking practices, managed a diverse team of professionals and enhanced operational efficiency, productivity and morale throughout the organization. In less than three years, value of the

company nearly tripled when it was sold. Successfully spearheaded the “Due Diligence” process to complete the sale.

Member, Small Business Council

U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Washington, DC

2014-2017

U.S. Indian American Chamber of Commerce (USIACC), Washington, DC

2003-2008

- Provided vision and leadership to this national organization to foster increased participation and contribution to the US economy by Indian-Americans and Indian American businesses through partnerships both in United States and in India. Promoted entrepreneurship, business growth and international trade; Established bridges between entrepreneurs, small businesses, government agencies and major corporations in United States and India; Built alliances with trade organizations and chambers of commerce in the two countries; Conducted annual conventions and special events to promote networking and liaison between businesses in United States and India.
- Successfully mediated the signing of MoU in January 2007 between U.S. Small Business Administration and the Government of India in collaboration with American Chamber of Commerce, New Delhi, India.
- Developed excellent working relationships and signed MoU with U.S. SBA; U.S. Department of Energy; U.S. Department of Agriculture; U.S. Department of Commerce/MBDA; U.S. Department of Transportation; U.S. Department of Interior; U.S. EPA; State Governments.

President & Chief Executive Officer

American Systems International Inc.

1990-1993

Negotiated and signed the Strategic Alliance Partnership Agreement with NELCO (“Tata Group”, India’s largest industrial and business conglomerate) and led the company’s business development efforts.

The World Bank, Washington, DC and the Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines

1969-1987

Developed the “Bank-Group-Guidelines for Project Completion Reports” used in post-project evaluation of the World Bank Group financed and implemented projects. Prepared over 200 multi-million dollar project reports on project completion/evaluation; Sector specific studies; Special studies; and management policy review studies.

At the request of Asian Development Bank (ADB), Manila, Philippines, went on deputation from the World Bank from 1979-82. Set up Monitoring and Evaluation Systems. Reviewed policies and procedures and proposed recommendations in the Budget, Personnel & Management Systems Department.

Founder/Co-Founder:

- First Liberty Bank Corporation & the First Liberty National Bank, Washington DC.
- Founder/National President, CEO, National Indian American Chamber of Commerce (NIACC);
- Founding President, India Club of the World Bank Group & International Monetary Fund;
- Lead Volunteer, “Help the Senior Citizens”, Volunteer Group created during Mayor Walter Washington’s tenure in Washington, DC (Ref: M. Fergusson);

- Chairman, Indian American Republicans of: California, Maryland, Washington DC, Nevada, New York, New Jersey, New York and Virginia;
- Secretary, The World Bank Group Staff Association;
- Kannada Koota of Greater Washington, DC (Later renamed as “Kaveri”; First Kannada Association).

Appointments & Community Service (Federal):

- Adviser, office of Public Liaison, The White House (President Ronald W. Reagan);
- Deputy Chief, Telecommunications Office, Presidential Transition Team (President George H.W. Bush);
- Volunteer, Presidential Transition Team (President George W. Bush);
- Member, Executive Committee, National Advisory Council, U.S. Small Business Administration (First Indian American to be appointed to NAC, President George W. Bush);
- Member, Round Table MBDA, U.S. Department of Commerce;
- Member, Small Business Advisory Committee, OSDBU, U.S. Department of Energy;
- Member, Arizona State Board, U.S. Selective Service (President William J. Clinton);
- Chairman, Arizona State District Appeals Board, U.S. Selective Service (President George W. Bush).

Appointments & Community Service (Business, Chamber of Commerce):

- Invited guest on stage with President George W. Bush at The White House Conference on Economy;
- Member & Adviser to the official U.S. Trade Delegation (Largest Mission in History) to India;
- Member & Adviser, official U.S. Trade Delegation to Sri Lanka;
- Member, Business Coalition, Office of Public Liaison, the White House (President George HW Bush);
- Co-Chief Guest of the Government at inauguration of commodities & Trade center, Yantai City, China;
- Member, National Franchise Alliance Committee, International Franchise Association;
- Special Guest Speaker, Conference on Diversity at Workplace, U.S. Department of Energy (to an audience of over 100,000 employees and guests).

Appointments & Community Service (State and Local):

- Member, Committee of Bar Examiners, State Bar of California (Served under two Governors);
- Member, Arizona Governor’s Council on Spinal and Head Injuries, (Twice Appointed – Governor of AZ);
- Member, Arizona State Rehabilitation Council, (Twice Appointed - Governor of Arizona);
- Member, Economic Development Committee, District of Columbia (Appointed by DC Mayor);
- Member, Georgia State Secretary of State’s Small Business Committee.

Appointments & Community Service (Others):

- Adviser, Grievance Advisory Panel, the World Bank Group SA;
- Vice Chairman, Asian & Pacific Americans Honoring Men and Women Returning From “Desert Storm”;
- Member, Board of Directors, Heroes & Heritage, Dedicated to Honor Men & Women in Uniform;
- Co-Chairman, Asian American Voters Coalition;
- Chairman, Organizing Committee, Memorial Service for Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi at the Washington Cathedral;
- Member, Board of Governors & Vice President for Survivor Affairs, International Brain Injury Association;
- Member, Advisory Board, BAPS Organized Festival of India, NJ (attended by over 2 million);
- Member, U.S. Brain Injury Association: Development Committee. Legislative Committee, Grassroots Networking Committee, Advocacy, Policy Committees;

- Member, Executive Board, Red Means Stop Coalition, Inc.;
- Member, Executive Board and Vice President, Arizona Brain Injury Association.

Special Honors & Recognition:

- Recipient of 2015 Ellis Island Medal of Honor;
- Honored for 'Unheralded Advocacy' on behalf of the Individuals with Brain Injury and their Families, leading to the Enactment of the "Traumatic Brain Injury Act of 1996 by the U.S. Congress", Brain Injury Association. USA;
- Most Influential Multi-Cultural Business Leader 2009 (Atlanta Business Journal);
- Featured in "Notable Asian Americans" along with 250 individuals in the United States: Published by Gale Research;
- Distinguished Recognition for Advocacy to Small Businesses, U.S. Department of Commerce;
- Award for outreach efforts to the Indian American Community on behalf of U.S. Department of Energy, Secretary, U.S. DOE;
- Lifetime Achievement for Outstanding Public Service, US Indian American Chamber of Commerce;
- Bronze Medal for Meritorious Service, U.S. Selective Service;
- U.S. Hispanic Chambers of Commerce's Six Awards for Dedication to Minority Businesses;
- Honored for Dedication & Community Service, National Indian American Chamber of Commerce;
- Reception in honor of KV Kumar hosted on Capitol Hill by U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce;
- Extraordinary Leadership in support of Hispanic Education success, Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities;
- Reception Hosted in Honor of KV Kumar at the U.S. Department of Agriculture by USIACC;
- Profiled in its weekly magazine 'Doer's Profile', Washington Times;
- "An Evening with KV Kumar", Hosted by Fisher & Philipps, LLP, & Asian Indian Chamber of GA;
- Honored Patriots, U.S. Selective Service;
- Honored by Senators on the CA Senate Floor (March 17, 2016) for services to people with brain injuries and their families, and for the assistance provided in passing of the 1996 TBI Act by the U.S. Congress;
- Special Proclamation of Honor, City of College Park, Georgia;
- Recipient of several commendations and certificates of congressional recognition;
- Invited as an honored guest to Akshardham for Centenary Celebrations in for three days in Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat, honored with Blessings from Pramukh Swami Ji Maharaj at Akshardham;
- Profiled along with 650 Asian Americans in USA, Asian American Almanac;
- Profiled in Marquis who's who in America & who's who in the World (Diamond Edition);
- Appreciation Certificate for the assistance during the Presidential Transition (1988-89), President and Vice President of the United States of America.

Awards:

- Special Act Award for Outstanding support for National Gay Pride Month, Holocaust Remembrance & APA Heritage Month, U.S. Department of Energy;
- Special Guest of U.S. Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez to Conference on America's Competitiveness;
- American Chamber of Commerce, New Delhi, Honored KV Kumar for his role in MoU between Govt. of India and U.S. Small Business Administration;
- Special Recognition, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), Mumbai;
- Special Recognition, Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), New Delhi;

- Distinguished Service, Strategist Par Excellence & Political Guru, Asian American Leadership Council.
- Maryland India Business Roundtable (MIBRT) Award In recognition of Leadership & Dedication to promote United States and India;
- Outstanding Community Service, Indo American Chamber of Commerce, San Francisco & Bay Area; USIACC Arizona State Chapter presented award to honor the National Chairman;
- Dedicated Service to the Indian – American Community, Indian American Forum for Political Education;
- National Association of Americans of Indian Descent For Commendable Leadership, Charity, Kindness to Humanity;
- Honored for Contributions to Business & Finance, National Federation of Indian Associations (NFIA);
- AKKA (National Association of Kannadigas) Recognition as Guest of Honor; Outstanding Achievement, IBIA President’s Award for developing strategies for people with brain injuries in Stockholm, Sweden;
- Outstanding Service to Chinese Americans, Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA);
- Outstanding Service to people with brain injuries, Arizona Governor’s Council on Spinal & Head Injury;
- Dedication to survivors of brain injury and their families, Arizona Brain Injury Association;
- FICSC & Lions Club of Little India, Outstanding Leadership Award to the Indian American Community On the eve of India’s Independence Day Celebrations;
- World Brahman Convention presented Tilte: “Brahma Shreshtha Puraskar” for extremely important contribution to Brahman Samaj;
- Maryland GOP Special Proclamation for service to Congressional & Presidential Elections;
- NRAA’s Lifetime Achievement Award.