

Lifetime Achievement Awardee
Mr. & Mrs. Harry G. Haskell, Jr. - 2003

Harry Garner Haskell, Jr. is a businessman and politician from Wilmington, Delaware. Before his political career, Mr. Haskell was enlisted in the United States Coast Guard Reserve and was discharged as a lieutenant in 1946. He was personnel manager of Speakman Co. in 1947 and 1948, and President of Greenhill Dairies, Inc from 1948 until 1953, and then owner and operator of Hill Girt Farm in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania. He was secretary of the Departmental Council of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare in 1953 and 1954, consultant to the special assistant to U.S. President Eisenhower in 1955, and president of the University of Delaware Research Foundation. In 1970 he was appointed a member of the President's National Reading Council, and was president of Abercrombie and Fitch. Mr. Haskell was a delegate to the Republican National Conventions from 1952 until 1984, and was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1956. He served in the Republican minority from January 3, 1957 until January 3, 1959. He was later elected Mayor of Wilmington, Delaware, serving from January 7, 1969 until January 9, 1973.

In addition to raising a large family and playing an active role in her grandchildren's lives, Mrs. Mimi Haskell has been a philanthropic partner with her husband. Together, their philanthropy has greatly impacted our community and the world at large. They have supported Republican candidates for public office, founded Delaware Futures, invested in building schools in Afghanistan, which had been closed by the Taliban. Together, Mr. and Mrs. Haskell were honored with the fifth Connecting Generations Lifetime Achievement Award.