

Mayor Volk receives national recognition

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The U.S. Global Leadership Coalition recently named Hendersonville Mayor Barbara Volk a 2021 Global Statesman Award winner for her work to advocate for U.S. global leadership.



Volk

Volk believes global leadership is an imperative and effective approach to strengthening the country's local communities, according to a USGLC news release.

USGLC paid tribute to 91 mayors from across the country during its virtual Tribute Celebration on Dec. 7.

"USGLC is proud to honor Mayor Volk because she has been an influential advocate for strengthening

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American global leadership to support our communities here at home," said USGLC president and CEO Liz Schrayner in the release.

"Let's face it, mayors across the

country are on the frontlines every day, addressing global issues that are now kitchen table issues – from the pandemic to our economy – that matter to their constituents. They uniquely understand that America simply can't ignore what happens outside our borders."

Former U.S. Senator and current USGLC co-chair Norm Coleman and Michael Bloomberg – former New York City

Mayor and head of Bloomberg Philanthropies – led the Tribute to America's Mayors.

Volk has served on the City Council since 1989 and has been mayor since 2009. She was the city's first female mayor.

Volk is a professional registered parliamentarian and before retirement was self-employed providing computer ser-

vices for small businesses and nonprofits.

USGLC also paid tribute to former Secretary of State and General Colin Powell and United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres.

Video of the Tribute Celebration can be viewed on the USGLC's Facebook page.