

## Michael Halkitis



### **Award: Distinguish achievement**

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**Justification:** Senator, The Honorable Michael B. Halkitis was born on February 1st, 1969, in Nassau, Bahamas, to Inez Brown. He received his early education at Old Bight All Age School in Cat Island and Yellow Elder School in Nassau before graduating from St. Augustine's College. Continuing his academic pursuits, Mr. Halkitis commenced his higher education at the College of the Bahamas and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics from the University of Western Ontario in 1991. With a professional background as a Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Halkitis embarked on his political career in 2007 when he secured his first election to Parliament as the Member of Parliament for the Adelaide Constituency. Serving as Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, he gained recognition for spearheading the digitization of the Ministry and introducing significant taxation reforms, praised for their smooth implementation and practical functionality. Subsequently, in 2007, he was appointed to the Senate. Following his successful campaign in the 2012 elections, he assumed the role of Member of Parliament for the Golden Isles Constituency. He was appointed Minister of State for Finance by Prime Minister the Right Honorable Perry G. Christie. Continuing his



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