Black Leaders In Philadelphia Honored At History Makers Ceremony

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PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — Dozens of black leaders in Philadelphia, including music icons Kenny Gamble, Leon Huff, as well as Congressman Chaka Fattah were honored Tuesday night at a ceremony showcasing their stories — now on display for the world to see.

The History Makers is a national educational institution that develops, preserves and provides access to oral history videos of thousands of black Americans from all walks of life.

Their work is featured in the Library of Congress.

“It’s amazing to be in the company of movers and shakers, believers, thinkers who I’ve admired and watched from afar for many years,” says Philadelphia Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown, one of the 40 history makers from the area being honored.

She says she’s proud of the featured Philadelphians whose stories are on display.
“Philadelphia is rich with African-American men and women who have rolled up their sleeves to be about the business of facing the challenges that African-Americans still have to endure every single day,” she says.

To find out more about The History Makers and to see some of their stories, check out thehistorymakers.com.