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“When it comes to equality, good things don’t come to people who wait; good things come to those who demand quality today.” Garden State Equality Chair and CEO Steven Goldstein delivered that statement Monday night, when he was honored at the **National Gay and Lesbian Task Force’s 2007 New York Leadership Awards gala dinner at the Grand Hyatt**. New Jersey began accepting civil unions two months ago but reports recently revealed that the unions are not equal to marriage and that some companies are denying same-sex couples health-care benefits.

The statement was also germane to The Task Force, an LGBT civil rights advocacy group, and to Leadership Award recipient U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.). The Rev. James A. Forbes of the Riverside Church in New York accepted the award on behalf of Rangel, who was in Washington, D.C. **Addressing the crowd of about 300, Task Force Executive Director Matt Foreman spoke about the organization’s work, including its recent report on homeless transgender youth.** Comedienne Kate Clinton emceed the event, and David Raleigh provided music.