



TIBOR HOLLO HONORED AS GLOBAL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR BY THE CITY OF MIAMI AND THE GREATER MIAMI HOST COMMITTEE

Florida East Coast Realty Chairman and Founder Recognized for his Vision and Commitment to the City of Miami

MIAMI, FL – (January 19, 2010) – Mr. Tibor Hollo, Chairman and Founder of Florida East Coast Realty, one of South Florida’s pre-eminent developers, has been selected by the City of Miami and the Greater Miami Host Committee as the “Global Citizen of the Year” for 2009. Recognized for his 55-year commitment to developing Downtown Miami, in line with the City’s vision of a more sustainable future, Hollo was presented with the prestigious honor on January 14, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Miami City Commission meeting. “Tibor Hollo was a pioneer in defining the sky line of Miami. Now his vision of intelligent growth and development is making Miami a world- class city,” says Mayor Regalado.

As part of the Greater Miami Host Committee’s “Big Orange” New Year’s Eve Celebration, each year an individual is selected as the “Global Citizen of the Year.” This person is recognized as one who embodies the leadership and the history of commitment to the vision of bridging the local community to the world.

“Known as the architect of modern 21st century Miami, Mr. Hollo has created the skyline of this high-rise residential city that began with the Omni/performing arts neighborhood. His many projects promote the best of our communities’ Tropical Floribbean connections, which was also the theme of this year’s celebration,” said Monty Trainer, Chairman, new Chairman of the New World School of the Arts, and member of Miami-Dade County’s Cultural Affairs Council.

“I’m truly honored to be recognized by the City of Miami and the Greater Miami Host Committee; a prestigious organization known for its signature events that help to promote tourism in our wonderful community,” says Hollo.

The Greater Miami Host Committee is known for hosting and producing many multicultural festivals and events since 1981 that preserve and promote authenticity and the cultures, history and traditions of people from 156 nations who call South Florida Home. The “Big Orange” is the premier event of the committee where the 35 foot lighted neon icon, dubbed the “Times Square of the South”, ascended 400 feet to the top of its Downtown home site, The Hotel Inter Continental Miami, One Chopin Plaza, and reached the summit at the stroke of midnight 2010 to ring in a Tropical Floribbean New Year, with a spectacular laser and fireworks show. “One of the top ten destination signature events and premiere attractions in the world to Ring in the New Year”- MSN, USA Today. The event annually attracts an audience of some 250,000 local participants and international visitors, as well as a worldwide television viewership of 100 million.

The Greater Miami Host Committee has hosted and produced the world-class multicultural signature events of Miami and South Florida that promote tourism, industry, trade and commerce, technology, education, finance and business, health and wellness, environment, culture, art, media, entertainment, and recreation to local and global markets. It has helped forge strategic alliances, helped identify the international leadership of Miami, established global partnerships, provided forums for international exchange, created outdoor and indoor event venues, jobs in the creative industry, stimulated business in Downtown Miami and helped establish its corridors of progress.

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