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Mayor Eugene Flinn Receives Prestigious Professional Public Service Award

Award recognizes "superior abilities in finding innovative solutions that benefit the South Miami-Dade, Kendall, and South Miami community"

PALMETTO BAY, Fla., (Oct. 3, 2009) – Village of Palmetto Bay Mayor Eugene P. Flinn, Jr., has been honored as the 2009 recipient of the Steven J. Cranman Professional Public Service Award for exemplifying a superior level of commitment to the community.

The award, provided annually by Chamber South, is presented in honor of Steven Cranman, former executive director of the Perrine-Cutler Ridge Council who has been described as "one of those leaders who never create a distinction between dedication to career and personal commitment to a volunteer organization... and bore the weight of his position as executive director with effectiveness and dignity."

[Chamber South](#) selected Mayor Flinn for his accomplishments that demonstrate superior ability to use his position to find innovative solutions that benefit the greater South Miami-Dade, Kendall, and South Miami community. The award was presented at the Oct. 3 Annual Chairman Gala & Silent Auction.

A lifelong resident of South Miami-Dade, Mayor Flinn is honored to serve as the first Mayor of the Village of Palmetto Bay. He is a graduate of Southwest Miami High, the University of Miami, and UM School of Law. Mayor Flinn has been active in the community throughout his life. During the struggle to incorporate Palmetto Bay, he served as Chair of the Palmetto Bay Steering Committee, spending countless hours over many years leading the incorporation effort. He served as chair of the Palmetto Bay Municipal Advisory Committee and was one of the three-member legal team that provided pro bono work to insure that our Village would come to realization.

Mayor Flinn serves on a number of community organizations and boards, such as Chamber-South, Miami-Dade League of Cities and the Junior Orange Bowl Committee. He has served as a board member of this organization, and is a past chair of the International Junior Golf Tournament over a three year period. Believing that "the success of this community depends in large part on the continued success of our area public schools," Mayor Flinn has served as a vice president of the Coral Reef Elementary PTA, and served a term as a voting member of the EESAC committee, also at Coral Reef Elementary.

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