

services for clients throughout the Southeast. During its history LS3P Associates Ltd. has designed over \$7 billion worth of construction projects.

LS3P was the recipient of the Outstanding Firm Award and for Distinction in Design by the Tau Sigma Delta Architectural Fraternity of Clemson University. In 1990 LS3P received the South Carolina Arts Commission's Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Award for community service in the arts. In 1995 the firm was honored with the 25 Year Distinguished Service Award for firms by the American Institute of Architects South Carolina. Mr. Lucas has also received Clemson University's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1992 and the American Institute of Architects South Carolina's highest honor, the Medal of Distinction, in 1997. He was recognized as Architect of the Year by the Charleston Contractors' Association. He is a past president of the Hibernian Society and is involved with numerous civic, professional, and business organizations.

Mr. Lucas and his wife, Edith, both native Charlestonians, have three daughters and five grandchildren. LS3P and Frank Lucas proudly and strongly believe in giving back to the community, working for the betterment of the architecture profession, and serving his fellow man.

Frank Lucas has been a great success story, but he has not let that success change him. Frank has continued to give back to the community that he grew up in and I am very proud to congratulate him on achieving such a prestigious achievement as becoming the Chancellor of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE MGM
MIRAGE

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the MGM Mirage for its laudable treatment of its Reserve and National Guard employees.

Under the leadership of Terri Lanni, Chairman and Chief Executive of the MGM Mirage, employees who are also serving in the armed forces as either Reservists or in the National Guard receive their full pay and benefits when they are deployed. This program has been in effect since 2003, and has so far covered 113 employees. Recently, the MGM Mirage, Nevada's largest casino operator, was honored by the Department of Defense with its Employee Support Freedom Award, the highest award that the military can bestow on employers.

In a time when many Reservists and National Guard troops are getting deployed and having to leave their primary sources of income, this program shows an acute awareness of the needs of those individuals and their families. When asked how much this program costs the company, Mr. Lanni responded, "I literally don't care . . . it was the right thing to do, its just that simple."

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the MGM Mirage and its Chairman, Terri Lanni. The program they instituted truly shows a dedication to the well-being of employees of the MGM

Mirage and their families. I applaud them for their dedication and congratulate them on their recent honors by the Department of Defense.

TRIBUTE TO DR. MAX MAYFIELD

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in appreciation of the works and accomplishments of Dr. Max Mayfield, Director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami, FL. Mr. Mayfield has played a key role in hurricane forecasting and has helped protect the lives and property of millions of people in the United States.

Since taking the helm of the National Hurricane Center in 2000, Director Mayfield has overseen a team of hurricane forecasters, specialists, and technical personnel at the center's headquarters in Miami. Mr. Mayfield strives to improve the warning lead times and increase the center's understanding of the tracks and intensity of hurricanes. As dangerous storms approached our Nation's coastal shores, Director Mayfield personally contacted governors and state officials stressing the importance of preparation and timely evacuation. He has spent countless hours providing warnings and valuable information to all those Americans located in the potential path of a hurricane.

Mr. Mayfield and his wife, Linda, celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary over the weekend of October 21, 2005. What was initially supposed to be a weekend get-away in Duck Key, just south of Miami, turned into another working weekend for Mr. Mayfield. Once again, a Category 3 hurricane, Wilma, was headed towards South Florida and Mr. Mayfield provided calm and clear hurricane forecasting.

Just a few days after the landfall of Hurricane Wilma, on October 27th, President Bush received a tour of the important hurricane facility and thanked Mr. Mayfield for his notable service to our Nation.

After more than 30 years of distinguished service to weather and hurricane forecasting, Mr. Mayfield will be retiring in January 2007. I know that the residents of South Florida will miss his calm and clear voice as approaching hurricanes threaten our coast. His pending retirement will mark the end of an exceptional career, and finding a worthy successor will undoubtedly be a difficult endeavor.

South Florida and our country are grateful for Mr. Mayfield's dedication in preparing and assisting the people of our community. Through his guidance and skilled predictions, Director Mayfield and his staff closely watched the path of countless hurricanes.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Director Max Mayfield's numerous accomplishments and his dedication to weather forecasting. The citizens of South Florida and the United States as a whole have benefited from this man's service, and we owe him our gratitude. As Mr. Mayfield and his wife prepare to spend more time with their families and enjoy retirement, I know that my colleagues will join me in wishing them well.

COMMENDING MR. MAX MAYFIELD, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE NATION

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced that Mr. Max Mayfield, Director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami, Florida would be retiring in January 2007.

I want to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and all the Democratic Members of the Committee on Science to thank Mr. Mayfield for his service to our nation and to wish him well in his future endeavors.

Mr. Mayfield will be missed. He has served our nation with distinction for over 30 years. Mr. Mayfield is well known to all of our citizens, especially those in hurricane-prone areas. Mr. Mayfield's leadership of his forecasting team at the National Hurricane Center, his clear presentation of hurricane forecasts, and his abilities to coordinate and communicate with local emergency management personnel resulted in countless saved lives and better informed communities.

Prior to the tragic events resulting from Hurricane Katrina, the National Weather Service and the National Hurricane Center—under the Directorship of Mr. Mayfield—did an excellent job of predicting the track of the storm and issuing watches and warnings that permitted state and local officials to evacuate many of the people who were in the path of this devastating storm.

The active hurricane seasons of 2004 and 2005 demonstrated the tireless dedication of Mr. Mayfield and his team, each of whom worked tirelessly to refine and deliver forecasts of the tracks and intensities of the storms that threatened our coasts.

Max Mayfield has set a high standard for future Directors of the Hurricane Center. I suspect he will continue to be involved in meteorology through his membership in the American Meteorological Society, and I can think of no better mentor and teacher for current and future meteorological professionals.

Thank you again, Mr. Mayfield, for your work at the National Weather Service. Your knowledge, experience and sound direction have been assets to the safety of our nation and the security of our citizens.

TRIBUTE ON THE OCCASION OF
MR. BRITT "MAX" MAYFIELD'S
RETIREMENT FROM THE
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Britt "Max" Mayfield on an exemplary career of service to his fellow citizens, and to wish him well in his much-deserved retirement. In his 34 years of service to the nation, Max Mayfield has personified the