

# News Release

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## **For Immediate Release**

### **COMMUNITY LEADERS RECOGNIZED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO GALVESTON'S CRUISE INDUSTRY**

#### **Board of Trustees of the Port of Galveston Recognize Contributions**

Galveston, Texas...August 27, 2001...The Board of Trustees of the Port of Galveston honored past board members, past city council members, community leaders and other public boards at the monthly meeting of the Board in August. Resolutions were signed to recognize contributions made to the development of The Texas Cruise Ship Terminal on Galveston Island and the development and continued growth of homeport, multi-day cruising from the Port of Galveston.

“This Board of Trustees has expressed a great desire to recognize all of those individuals and groups involved in what has become a great business opportunity for the Port and the City of Galveston,” stated Donald L. Schattel, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Port of Galveston. “These individuals, in addition to those recognized on the plaques recently installed on the front of The Texas Cruise Ship Terminal on Galveston Island, were instrumental in establishing a first-class cruise ship terminal and in bringing Carnival Cruise Lines to Galveston.

David Bowers, Stefan Stamoulis and William H. “B.B.” Nelson were recognized for service to the Port of Galveston as members of the Board of Trustees in a time when extra effort was required for the redevelopment of Galveston’s cruise ship terminal and support was needed to attract major cruise operations to Galveston Island.

Danny Allen and Reverend James Thomas were recognized for their service to the City of Galveston as City Council members and support for cruise operations at the Port of Galveston.

The business interests of Tilman Fertitta, George Mitchell, Robert Moody, and Marion Duzich and the Park Board of Trustees were recognized for support provided to attract a major cruise line to Galveston Island and the resulting positive economic benefit to the Galveston community.

“The Board of Trustees of the Port of Galveston is proud to recognize these individuals and groups for their dedication and service to the Port of Galveston and to their community through efforts to assist with the growth of cruise operations from Galveston Island,” stated Chairman Schattel. “The combined efforts demonstrate what can be achieved when we pull together to accomplish a goal.

“We completed the single largest capital improvement project in the history of the Port of Galveston in just 180 days and dedicated Galveston’s new cruise ship terminal last September,” Chairman Schattel added. “We also attracted the largest cruise line in the world to Galveston Island and celebrated the inaugural voyage on September 30, 2001. We invited the community to celebrate the first sailing with us and held a bon voyage party on Pier 21. Our accomplishments have already resulted in millions of dollars of national advertising for Galveston and generated over 100,000 additional visitors to the city.”

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