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Mayor Manny Diaz Sponsors Resolutions In Support of our Hemispheric Neighbors during U.S. Conference of Mayors Meeting

- Resolutions Call for TPS for Haitians and Support Venezuelan Mayors Experiencing Political Persecution -

(Miami, FL) As President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, City of Miami Mayor Manny Diaz sponsored two resolutions in support of our neighbors in the hemisphere during the 77th Annual Meeting of the Conference in Providence, Rhode Island, held from June 12 to June 16. Both resolutions, one calling for Temporary Protected status for Haitians and another condemning political persecution of mayors in Venezuela, were approved by the USCM.

“These two resolutions voice mayors’ concerns for our region,” said Mayor Diaz. “We ask that the Administration pay attention to our neighbors to the south, as any crisis that affects our neighbors also affects us.”

Mayor Diaz sponsored a resolution urging Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano to grant Temporary Protected status for Haitians in the wake of the multiple hurricanes that devastated the island during the fall of 2008. The U.S. Conference of Mayors also called on the Secretary of Homeland Security to promptly suspend deportations of Haitian nationals.

The Mayor also sponsored a resolution condemning intimidation and persecution of freely-elected mayors in Venezuela who stand in political opposition. This resolution will be presented to the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and the U.S. Department of State as well as to the official representatives of the Government of Venezuela in the United States.

Please find resolutions attached.

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