

April 15, 2009

The Honorable Manuel Diaz
Mayor of Miami
3500 Pan American Drive
Miami, FL 33133

Dear Manny:

As past presidents of The United States Conference of Mayors who have been honored with the Keystone Award, we congratulate you on receiving this honor from the American Architectural Foundation.

We applaud you for your efforts to transform Miami into being recognized as one of the best cities in the world. Great cities arise from grand visions, and great mayors provide those visions. Your vision of Miami 21 will propel Miami into the forefront of cities in balancing future growth and development. You have provided the platform from which mayors will look to for ideas for years to come.

Your leadership has also extended to the national stage, where we have been honored to work closely with you as you have addressed some of our nation's most pressing problems – global warming, infrastructure rebuilding, and transportation financing. The nation's mayors and our cities are better off collectively, and individually, due to your stewardship of our organization.

Being honored with the Keystone Award was one of the highlights of each of our public careers. We congratulate you, and the citizens of Miami, on being recognized for your leadership in the architecture and design of one of the world's best cities.

Sincerely,



Joseph P. Riley, Jr
Mayor of Charleston
Past President



Richard M. Daley
Mayor of Chicago
Past President