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## **LEGENDARY PRODUCER HENRY STONE HONORED WITH INAUGURAL MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE “MAN OF VISION” AWARD**

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MIAMI—July 21, 2008--Legendary music producer Henry Stone has been named the first Miami Lighthouse “Man of Vision,” in recognition of his generous support of Miami Lighthouse’s Music Program. The award will be presented at a cocktail and networking event themed “Havana Nights” at Miami Lighthouse on August 5<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 to 8:00 P.M at 601 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami FL, 33130.

The keynote speaker for the evening will be State Representative Luis R. Garcia Jr. His grandfather was blind and from this personal experience Representative Garcia shares a very special bond with the visually impaired at Miami Lighthouse.

Live music will be provided by the talented Miami Lighthouse musicians; fresh cigars will be rolled on site and distributed by costumed cigarette girls while observing vintage automobiles covering the historical milestones of the Lighthouse.

“It is an honor for us to recognize the life-time achievements of our former client and dear friend Henry Stone. He has been fundamental in the creation and success of our nationally recognized music program,” said Miami Lighthouse CEO Virginia A. Jacko. “He introduced us to philanthropist Gloria Martin who was the angel we needed to implement the program by making the largest non-bequest gift in Miami Lighthouse history.”

“Henry and Inez Stone set a notable example by producing two albums, Instrumental Magic and Vocal Magic and by providing royalty income from these CDs to support the Miami Lighthouse state-of-the-art music production studio. Henry, who lost his vision four years ago, came to Miami Lighthouse as a client. He found that with newly learned accessible technology he could continue producing music,” CEO Jacko said.

Henry Stone has been in the music business in Miami, Florida for over 50 years. He was instrumental in the formation of several musical sounds, including the Miami Sound, Southern Soul, and Disco, as well as being influential in R&B, Blues, and Gospel.

Henry Stone's influence in the Disco era was extensive. He founded one of the best known disco record labels, TK Records, and produced over 20 gold and platinum records. He discovered Harry Wayne Casey, better known as "KC" of KC and the Sunshine Band. He also recorded some of the earliest work of Ray Charles and worked closely with James Brown for many years.

The Miami Lighthouse "Man of Vision" award was established in 2008 to honor notable male philanthropists in our community. This year's event is hosted by four community leaders: Al Cabrera, Scott Sime, Eric M. Stein, and David Turner.

The event is generously sponsored by TURNER & ASSOCIATES LLP, WILLIAMSON CADILLAC HUMMER, SUNTRUST BANK and CB RICHARD ELLIS.

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