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## BREVARD COUNTY RESOLUTION AND AWARD TO FLORIDA'S SHOWCASE GREEN ENVIROHOME

**VIERA, FLORIDA – JANUARY 13, 2009**

Andy Anderson, Brevard County Commissioner, writes:

"On 13 January, 2009, I will express my support for the project, Florida's Showcase Green Envirohome (FSGE), that is under construction in Indialantic through a County Resolution. As the District Five County Commissioner, I am in strong support of the construction of housing that can withstand hurricanes and other natural and manmade disasters.

I have toured the home personally and I am impressed with the home's energy and water saving capabilities.

Attendees may be present to witness the resolution and recognition of FSGE at 9:00 AM on 13 January, 2009 at the County Commission Chambers located in Viera, Florida."

This county resolution is considered a major milestone for FSGE in its goal to set the highest and best standards for everyone around the world in "true" green building and "true" green living as a Near Zero-Loss Home™, a Near Zero-Energy Home, a Near Zero-Runoff Home™, and a Near Zero-Maintenance Home™. This news is especially positive for FSGE after having suffered unexpected delays last summer from Tropical Storm Fay as well as from FSGE's targeted solar-wind air conditioning and advanced ducting solutions in which FSGE plans to be the first installation in the world of its kind. Given that Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) comprises 38% of the average energy bill in Florida, the end result of FSGE as a leading edge Near Zero-Energy Home will be well worth the wait for the current and future list of anticipated visitors.

During Tropical Storm Fay, FSGE set a residential record for cleaning up its local water bodies, thanks to FSGE's sponsors, University of Central Florida (UCF), Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Bureau of Watershed Management, and the internationally renowned "Grandfather of Stormwater Management", Dr. Marty Wanielista, a 40-year tenured Professor Emeritus at UCF. Last year, Dr. Wanielista worked with Mark Baker, LLC to design and implement FSGE's greenroof stormwater treatment system comprised of five vegetated greenroofs, all of which were funded by DEP. This solution prevented an amazing 62,788 gallons of rainwater from turning into polluted runoff and entering local water bodies during Tropical Storm Fay, in which 25.5" of rain fell on FSGE's ¼ acre lot in less than two days.

FSGE's Vine Cutting Ceremony and Grand Opening is anticipated mid-2009 after Florida Congressional Sessions are to be complete. This timeframe will assist in securing Governor Crist's presence. Once opened, FSGE will conduct one year of scheduled walkthroughs open to the public at no charge.

### **About Florida's Showcase Green Envirohome**

In a period of 11 months, Mark Baker, from the Space Coast of Florida, and his wife, Nonnie Chrystal, from the Gulf Coast of Louisiana, suffered the aftermath of Hurricanes Frances, Jeanne and Katrina. These hurricanes devastated both sides of their families with "complete and total loss" of three homes, including Mark's mother's home in Indialantic, FL, and Nonnie's parents' home and sister's home in New Orleans, LA. After such trauma, Mark, a former member of Greenpeace with 35 years of construction experience, and Nonnie, with 21 years of marketing experience (mostly with Fortune 50 companies), made the decision to create Florida's Showcase Green Envirohome (FSGE). FSGE, a rebuild of Mark's mother's home, is following ~12 major sets of green building guidelines to be the greenest, most hurricane-hardy home possible in order to mitigate the need to ever file another insurance claim again. For more information, please visit [www.fsgc.net](http://www.fsgc.net).