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Port Everglades: 50 Million Passengers and Counting
Love Boat's Gavin MacLeod and Former Baggage Handler Honored Guests

WHAT: During this cruise season, more than 50 million guests will have traveled from Port Everglades since the first cruise ship docked here in the early 1930s. To commemorate the sailing of the 50 millionth passenger milestone at Port Everglades, Broward County officials will honor television's favorite cruise ship captain, actor Gavin MacLeod from "The Love Boat," during a special ceremony. MacLeod, who has visited Port Everglades on numerous occasions as a representative of Princess Cruise Lines, will represent the "leisure side" of the Port's success. To represent the local economic success of the Port's cruise industry and the workforce that made it happen, officials will also honor Richard Russell, former baggage handler from the Port's earliest boom years.

WHEN: Friday, April 8, 2005 @ 2 p.m.

WHERE: Port Everglades between Passenger Terminals 2 & 4
(In front of docks near the Broward County Convention Center)

WHO: 50 Millionth Passenger Honorees:

Gavin MacLeod, accomplished television and movie actor who is most notable for starring as Captain Merrill Stubing on the *The Love Boat* and Murray Slaughter on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*.

Richard Russell, long-time cargo and baggage handler whose family has worked at Port Everglades since the 1920s and 1930s.

Broward County Mayor Kristin D. Jacobs

Ken Krauter, Port Everglades Director

Terry L. Dale, President & CEO
Cruise Lines International Association

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