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DEERING ESTATE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Palmetto Bay, FL – January 29, 2010 – At its annual meeting in January, The Deering Estate Foundation elected **Dan Yglesias** (Palmetto Ford Truck Sales, Inc.), President, and **Eric Haas** (Sports Grill), Vice President, to lead the Foundation's efforts in 2010/2011 and also welcomed newly elected directors **Henry Aguilera** (Retired Bank Executive), **Maurice Bared** (Farm Stores Corporation), **Vicki Simmons-Hinz** (Berenfeld, Spritzer, Schechter & Sheer LLP), **Sergio Pinto** (Bank Atlantic) and **Edward J. Rosasco** (EJR Health Care Services, Inc).

Dan Yglesias, a native of Miami and resident of Palmetto Bay, serves as Vice President/Dealer Principal with Palmetto Ford Truck Sales, Inc., a second generation family-owned and operated Ford/Sterling truck dealership. In addition to his work with the Deering Estate Foundation, he serves as an appointed member to the Citizen's Transportation Advisory Committee. He is also an active member of the Perrine-Cutler Ridge/Palmetto Bay Rotary Club. Mr. Yglesias joined the Deering Estate Foundation Board of Directors in 2007. "Since joining the foundation, I have been taken by its mission and the special meaning the Estate has for our community", said Yglesias. "It is imperative for the public to understand the importance of having a community-based organization supporting the Estate's development and sustainability. It is truly an amazing place and we are very fortunate to have it in our backyard."

Established in 1989, The Deering Estate Foundation, Inc., is a private nonprofit member based 501(c)3 Florida Corporation and the philanthropic arm of the Deering Estate at Cutler. The Deering Estate Foundation's Board of Directors, members and volunteers are made up of a diverse group of business and community leaders who are dedicated advocates of the Estate and active supporters of education, research, cultural arts, restoration and preservation.

"We are honored and privileged by the service of these distinguished and talented members of our community and look forward to embracing their enthusiasm and leadership", said **Mary Pettit**, Executive Director. "The Deering Estate at Cutler is a crown jewel of South Florida's park system that offers so many unique environmental, cultural and educational opportunities. As *Partners in Preservation, Education and Recreation*, the professional experience and wisdom of these individuals will serve the goals of our organization and community extremely well. I congratulate and welcome each and every one of them."

For information on The Deering Estate Foundation contact, Mary Pettit, Executive Director at 305.235.1668, ext. 266.

The Deering Estate at Cutler, a Miami-Dade County Park, is located at 16701 SW 72 Avenue in Miami. This 444-acre natural and archaeological preserve and historic site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and serves as a center for education, culture and recreation. Historic house tours and natural area tours are offered daily with admission to the Estate. Eco-tours are also offered throughout

the year for an additional fee. For more information on the Deering Estate's educational and cultural programs please visit www.deeringestate.org.