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American Society of Landscape Architects
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636 Eye Street, NW
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Dear ASLA Executive Committee:

I am writing in support of Senator Bob Graham's nomination for honorary membership in the American Society of Landscape Architects. Having served with Senator Graham in the United States Senate and having known him personally for many years, I hope that you will consider his nomination.

Senator Graham has been a life-long proponent of conserving land resources and his family business has demonstrated a commitment to strong environmental values. During his prestigious career, Senator Graham listened to and learned from leading landscape architects, which has improved the quality of life enjoyed by constituents across the nation.

Thank you for your consideration of Senator Graham's nomination for honorary membership. I am confident he will represent the Society well, and cherish the honor.

Sincerely,

Bill Nelson

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ASLA Executive Committee
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Dear ASLA Executive Committee:

Recently, members of the Florida Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects informed me of Senator Bob Graham's nomination for honorary membership in the Society. It is my pleasure to write you in support of this nomination. During his distinguished career of public service, Senator Graham worked tirelessly for my home state of Florida and I know him to be a man who would truly be an asset to your Society.

Senator Graham has been a proponent of local, state, national, and international environmental policies and practices that conserve historic, cultural, and natural resources. During his prestigious career, Bob Graham listened to and learned from the State's and Nation's leading landscape architects; benefiting the land, water, and quality of life enjoyed today. In his lifetime of leadership, both as a U.S. Senator and Governor, Bob Graham was a champion of the environment and the restoration efforts of the Everglades. Florida truly owes him a debt of gratitude.

Please give Senator Graham's nomination your full consideration. I am confident he will represent the Society well, and cherish the honor.

Sincerely,



Allen Boyd, Jr.
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Dana K. Worthington, President
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Dear President Worthington:

It is my distinct pleasure to endorse the Florida Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architect's nomination of former Senator Bob Graham as an Honorary Member of the American Society of Landscape Architects. During his long and distinguished career, Senator Graham promoted the values and principles important to both the Society and the National Park Service. I had the opportunity to experience his commitment to preservation of our natural and cultural heritage while working on Senator Graham's staff as a Congressional Fellow in his Washington office.

In his two terms as Governor and three terms in the United States Senate, Senator Graham proved to be an untiring advocate for preservation of units of the National Park System with his efforts to ensure the preservation of the unique Everglades ecosystem. His actions included authoring legislation to restore the Kissimmee River; promoting legislation resulting in a major expansion of Everglades National Park; and directing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to develop the Everglades Restoration Plan. These proved to be a precursor to his crowning National Park Service preservation achievement: the 2000 passage of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, the largest environmental restoration effort ever undertaken. By championing these efforts and in bringing together the diverse and often disparate interests of South Florida, the Senator was able to forge a blueprint that has helped preserve this internationally significant resource in perpetuity.

Senator Graham's vision extends well beyond the Everglades. During his two terms as governor, Florida secured public ownership of more environmentally endangered lands than any other state in the nation; this included acquisition of sensitive lands near beaches, rivers, and barrier islands. In addition, the Florida Keys received protection under his leadership through the creation of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. Furthermore, the Senator foresaw the impacts urban sprawl would have on Florida's environment and is credited with instituting growth management legislation in the 1980s that still plays an important role today.

Senator Graham is the recipient of numerous national and international commendations. I strongly endorse adding Honorary Member of the American Society of Landscape Architects to that list.

Sincerely,

Daniel N. Wenk
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