



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Doug Jamerson  
Commissioner of Education

October 18, 1994

Jury Of Fellows  
The American Institute Of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue Northwest  
Washington, DC 20006

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written on behalf of Mr. David Michael Harper, an architect who has worked for many years in his practice and yet has found time to work for the betterment of his community. If architecture is to become the profession of leaders rather than followers, we will need to encourage and reward those who take their personal and professional time to participate in government and to improve our cities and counties. In the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew, David provided leadership in Dade County while participating on the Dade County Building Code and Product Review Committee, keeping the focus on high building standards while strong financial interests lobbied in different directions.

His experience on that committee and in the design of educational buildings made him a valuable participant in the development of a storm shelter component of the State Uniform Building Code for Educational Facilities. Mr. Harper graciously volunteered even more of his valuable time to assist the Florida Department of Education, along with other participants, to develop a consensus agreement for the shelter criteria applied to public educational facilities for grades K-12 and community colleges. This project has been completed and is in the rule promulgation process.

I have known David Harper for many years, and highly regard his commitment to and his enthusiasm for architecture.

Your time in consideration of this candidate is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Suzanne A. Marshall".

Suzanne A. Marshall  
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Office of Educational Facilities

cc: David Harper

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October 25, 1994

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Dear Jury Members:

I am pleased to provide the very highest of recommendations for David Harper for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. David, as the Governor of Florida and the Mayor of Miami have clearly documented, has become "the single most important voice" of our profession in dealing not only with the rights of our profession, but with the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Hurricane Andrew in 1992 was a monumental "wake up call" for our profession and thankfully, David Harper responded with truly exceptional leadership. Disaster, chaos and fear initially stripped our profession of its basic responsibilities and it was David's leadership that was instrumental in its reasoned and respected restoration as the details of this nomination clearly document.

During the post hurricane trauma, I had the privilege of working directly with David as I served as the principal investigator for a grant dealing with Emergency Shelters for Educational Facilities for the Department of Education and funded through the Department of Community Affairs. David's tireless leadership and extraordinary expertise was the critical factor in the success of this effort. Subsequently, our College of Architecture and College of Engineering are involved with David's leadership effort to establish a global Wind Research and Design Center. Clearly David Harper has totally dedicated his work for the development of all mankind.

As outlined in the nomination documents, David Harper has contributed to our profession throughout his entire career and has brought distinction and respect out of chaos and disaster. I cannot think of anyone who is more deserving of recognition for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wayne Drummond".

R. Wayne Drummond, AIA  
Dean and Professor