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Island View Casino Resort's executive golf host appointed to Mississippi Gulf Coast Convention & Visitors Bureau's board of commissioners

GULFPORT, Miss. (July 19, 2010) – John Carter, executive golf host at Island View Casino Resort's Windance Country Club, was recently appointed to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Convention & Visitors Bureau's board of commissioners. As a commissioner, Carter will join the nine-member board in steering the organization and its efforts to promote the Mississippi Gulf Coast as a meeting, convention and vacation destination.

Carter, a resident of Gulfport, has several years' experience in the local hospitality industry, including serving as an executive host at the former Copa Casino in Gulfport from 2000 to 2004 and at Island View Casino from the resort's opening in 2006 until present. As well, Carter participated in the management-training program at Chili's Grill & Bar in Gulfport and served as a manager at Red Lobster restaurant in St. Augustine and Bay Meadows, Fla.

"I believe the Mississippi Gulf Coast is one of the most diverse and dynamic areas in the region, and with our abundant natural resources and thriving hospitality industry, the possibility for growth as a leading national tourism destination is wide open," said Carter. "It is my honor to serve on the board of the Harrison County Tourism Commission, and I look forward to representing an area I have been proud to call home for most of my life."

About Island View Casino Resort:

Island View Casino Resort opened on Sept. 18, 2006 as the only casino in Gulfport, Miss. The land-based casino, located on 40 acres of waterfront property, currently offers an 80,000-plus-square-foot casino with approximately 1,900 slots and 47 table games. The 520,000-square-foot resort also features a 562-room hotel, Carter Green Steakhouse, the resort's signature restaurant; C&G Grille, offering contemporary, casual dining; The Buffet, a 400-seat restaurant; The Coffee Shop, an upscale deli; and the View Bar – an entertainment lounge. Island View Casino Resort is privately held by Rick Carter and Terry Green, two Gulfport natives and longtime casino executives committed to the post-Hurricane Katrina rebuilding efforts of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. www.islandviewcasino.com.