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## **Stockton's Lloyd D. Levenson Institute Presents Annual Distinguished Leadership Award To Resorts' Dennis Gomes**

Institute to Make Presentation During  
East Coast Gaming Congress in Atlantic City on May 24

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** Dennis Gomes, President and CEO of Resorts Casino Hotel will be presented with the Distinguished Leadership Award by the Lloyd D. Levenson Institute for Gaming, Hospitality Management and Tourism (LIGHT) of the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual award will be presented by George Lynn, chair of the LIGHT advisory board and president emeritus of AtlantiCare at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual East Coast Gaming Congress taking place May 24, 2011 at the Atlantic City Convention Center. The presentation is scheduled for the event's luncheon, between 12 and 1 p.m. The luncheon features a keynote speech by New Jersey Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno and a presentation by the new Acting Director of the Division of Gaming Enforcement, David L. Rebuck.

"Recognition of gaming industry executives and their role in Atlantic City is crucial during these times of change in the industry," said Dr. Israel Posner, LIGHT Executive Director. "The Institute felt it was appropriate to take stock of the men and women who work tirelessly to keep the Atlantic City region's gaming and tourism industries vibrant in these times. Dennis Gomes certainly is representative of the type of person we should acknowledge, as is last year's inaugural recipient, Gary Loveman."

Criteria for the award calls for innovation, vision, long term commitment to Atlantic City and region's gaming, hospitality and tourism industries, Posner said.

Gomes, who holds a BS in Accounting from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas College of Business Administration and an MBA in Finance from the University of Washington, is a past president of the casino association of New Jersey and former chief operating officer of two other

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Atlantic City gaming properties, the Tropicana Casino and Resort and the Trump Taj Mahal. He also served a Chief of Special Investigations for the New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement.

“Dennis Gomes’s positive efforts in Atlantic City are quite extensive,” said Stockton President Herman J.Saatkamp, Jr. “One of the reasons for which he is being recognized is the remarkable turnaround Resorts has shown under his leadership. This investment in the future of Atlantic City is particularly crucial during these times of change.”

In addition to his Atlantic City accomplishments, Gomes’ experience in the industry includes tenure as chief of audit and special investigations at the Nevada Gaming Control Board and as president of three major Las Vegas gaming properties.

“Dennis Gomes’ track record, innovative leadership style and continued presence reflect a confidence in Atlantic City as a premier gaming and vacation destination in the United States,” Lynn said. “The Institute is committed to supporting the growth of jobs and the health of the regional economy. We are proud to recognize industry leaders such as Dennis who are committed to Atlantic City and who contribute mightily to the region’s vitality.”

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