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Midgett Realty Founders Named Outer Banks Citizens Of The Year: Anderson and Stockton Midgett Lauded For Being First Modern-Day Tourism Ambassadors For The Outer Banks

Midgett Realty offering more than 575 vacation rental properties on Hatteras Island and The Outer Banks since the 1960's has announced that their founders, Anderson and Stockton Midgett, have been named '2008 Outer Banks Citizens of the Year' by the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce and RBC Bank.

HATTERAS ISLAND, NC, October 10, 2008 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- Midgett Realty offering more than 575 vacation rental properties on Hatteras Island and The Outer Banks since the 1960's has announced that their founders, Anderson and Stockton Midgett, have been named '2008 Outer Banks Citizens of the Year' by the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce and RBC Bank. The announcement was made at the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting and awards dinner held Wednesday, Oct. 1st, 2008 in Nags Head.

In addition to founding Midgett Realty, Anderson and Stockton Midgett have spent a lifetime promoting and improving life and tourism on not only Hatteras Island but the entire Outer Banks Region. The Midgett brothers were founding members of what is now known as the Outer Banks Association of Realtors. Stockton is the only 40-year active realtor in Dare County.

They helped in creating the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, as well as beginning the first Hatteras to Manteo Bus line in 1938. They are great supporters of the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum in Hatteras village in which a gallery is named in their honor due to their financial and personal assistance.

Hatteras Island Historian Danny Couch spoke at length during the award ceremony about the contributions Anderson and Stockton Midgett have made to the area including how in 1938, 17 year old Anderson and 13 year old Stockton formed the Manteo-Hatteras Bus Line with their brother Harold.

"These industrious teenagers ferried passengers, packages, laundry and just about anything you can think of up and down the vast expanse of sand banks we call Hatteras Island," said Couch. "They were as dependable as the rising and falling of the tide, for 35 years. During this stretch, they provided an outstanding quality of life experience here on the Outer Banks and were among our first modern-day tourism ambassadors."

Couch continued, "They recognized the importance of genuine hospitality and have spent their lifetime looking for the hot buttons...the sizzle that would create a memorable experience for their guests. From fishing to surfing, events such as the Pirates Jamboree, opportunities to share stories and history, they were some of the first and most effective marketing tools the Outer Banks has ever had."

The Midgett Brothers have also been involved in the Outer Banks Masonic Lodges (Shriners), the consolidation of Dare County Schools, The Cape Hatteras National Seashore, the Oregon Inlet Bridge, The Pirates Jamboree, the Dare County Tourism Board now known as the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau, the Nags Head Surf Fishing Tournament, the Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative, the Hatteras Marlin Club, the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Tournament, volunteer fire departments on Hatteras Island, the Hatteras Island Medical Center, and the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum.

"My brother and I are humbled to receive the '2008 Outer Banks Citizens of the Year' award given by the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce and RBC Bank. As a family we have always felt that it was our duty and responsibility to give back to the community that has given our family so much over the years. As we look back at the changes that have come to Hatteras Island and the Outer Banks, we are pleased at the progress the area has made in becoming one of America's top vacation destinations. We also look forward to continued service to our community and thank all who had a hand in our receiving this honor and have helped us be successful over the years," stated Anderson Midgett.

About Midgett Realty

Serving Hatteras Island on the Outer Banks of North Carolina has been a Midgett family tradition for over a century. In the

1960's two brothers named Midgett started a real estate company, and today, their children and the other staff of Midgett Realty offer over 575 vacation cottages and condos for rent.

The Midgett family has lived on the Outer Banks for at least three centuries, and today's Midgett's are descendants of the tough, independent seafaring men and women who managed to thrive and survive on these isolated barrier islands. They have been fishermen and lifesavers and surfmen, and they have been the operators of the famous Hatteras Island - Manteo Bus Line, which carried islanders and visitors up and down the beach in the days before roads and bridges.

Today they are the owners of Hatteras Island's premier, full-service real estate company. Midgett Realty is one of the island's oldest family owned businesses, and the only real estate company owned and managed by Hatteras Island natives. The Midgett Realty family stands ready to share with you all the experiences they have had in several generations of living and working on Hatteras Island. More information is available online at <http://www.midgettrealty.com/> or via phone at 800-527-2903. This press release was submitted by Visual Data Systems (www.VisualDataSystems.com), the leader online marketing in the vacation rental industry, on behalf of Midgett Realty.

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Visual Data Systems, based in Columbia, Maryland is a leading supplier of online marketing, technology and consultation. Founded in 1993 with extensive experience in the vacation rental industry, Visual Data Systems has clients throughout North and Central America and the Caribbean. Visual Data Systems supplies clients with design services, online marketing tools including online survey management, managed email solutions, search engine optimization & marketing, integration with rental/property management software and business and technology consultation. Visual Data Systems can be found on the web at: www.VisualDataSystems.com and can be reached via email: marketing@VisualDataSystems.com or via phone: 410-964-8665.