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President

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Ken Crawford
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Dear Mr. Crawford:

I am honored to write in support of Alan S. Maltz for the 2011 Florida Artists Hall of Fame. I understand the award is the highest given by the state of Florida, and Alan is a most deserving candidate. His exceptional vision, natural gifts, and commitment to excellence make him both a fine example and a generous contributor to Florida's cultural vibrancy.

Throughout his career, Alan has remained impressively committed to honestly representing his subjects' unique beauty. He strives to capture the true essence of landscapes and of animals in their natural habitats. In doing so, he invites observers to see this through his eyes. Alan's special vision has been recognized on both a national and global scale—in his many accolades and through the friends and collectors around the world, who continue to delight in and share his photography.

I am, myself, a Maltz collector and am proud to have many of Alan's pieces hanging in my home. In fact, Alan did the artwork for an entire house we built in the Florida Keys, conceptualizing room by room, how to bring nature, Florida's resources, and art into every room. His work celebrates the magic of the natural world and serves as a reminder of why so many choose to call Florida home. Alan S. Maltz is a true artist, and I can only hope he will be recognized with the Florida Artists Hall of Fame award, which he very much deserves.

Sincerely,

M. Elaine Crocker