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Private Residences Honored for Excellence

Robert Barnes and Associates, a full-service architecture and engineering firm with offices in Homestead and the Florida Keys has won a Silver FAME Award for excellence in architecture and a Gold FAME Award for remodeling of a Redland residence, in the prestigious 1995 FAME Awards Competition.

Presented annually by the Builders Association of South Florida (BASF) FAME (Florida Achievement in Marketing Excellence) is a statewide awards program that recognizes outstanding achievement in architecture, interior design, landscape design, overall product, land planning and marketing.

"Blue Charlotte," a 7,066 square foot home in the Florida Keys is designed in traditional Conch vernacular with wrap-around verandah and clad with shiplap cypress on the exterior. The three bedroom, three and one-half bath home's interior setting is enriched with tidewater red cypress walls and ceilings and red maple flooring and is highlighted by a gently curving monumental staircase. Traditionally correct Keys styling is enhanced through colors that echo the hues of its native surroundings; the house is set away from the waterfront to allow peaceful co-existence with its neighboring restored turtle beach.

Designer Robert Barnes worked with the owner to recreate an environment that would be reminiscent of his gravely ill father's past in West Africa and Guyana. Barnes worked with his client in the design development phases in providing a place of healing serenity for his father.

Robert Barnes has been designing environmentally sensitive architecture for over 18 years. Robert Barnes and Associates also specialize in health facilities and industrial and historical preservation.

All FAME entries were judged by a panel of nationally recognized building industry leaders.