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Willis Chairman and CEO Joe Plumeri and Governor Eliot Spitzer Honored at Intrepid Museum's 16th Annual Salute to Freedom Dinner

New York, NY, November 16, 2007 – Joe Plumeri, Chairman and CEO of Willis Group Holdings, (NYSE: WSH), received the 2007 Intrepid Salute Award from former Senator Bill Bradley on Wednesday night at the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum's 16th Annual Salute to Freedom Dinner at the New York Hilton. The event was attended by more than 800 people and raised over \$1.5 million to benefit the Museum and its educational programs.

The Intrepid Salute Award was presented to Plumeri in recognition of his outstanding business leadership and his many philanthropic activities. "The Intrepid is so much more than a battleship," said Plumeri in a moving acceptance speech that was greeted with a standing ovation, "it is a monument to democracy, to freedom, to the men and women of the armed forces. There is no greater cause than remembering what this country has done for us. It is crucial that our nation's youth understand where we came from and what we stand for." Plumeri, a longtime supporter of the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, was recently named to the board of the Museum by unanimous vote.

Plumeri shared the stage with New York Governor Eliot Spitzer who received the 2007 Intrepid Freedom Award for his role as a national leader who has distinguished himself in promoting and defending the values of freedom and democracy. Both commented on their positive relationship from when Governor Spitzer was New York Attorney General investigating the practices of insurance brokers. Governor Spitzer praised Plumeri for his integrity and leadership during that time.

Established in 1982, the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum is a U.S. Armed Forces memorial, educational and charitable institution. Temporarily closed for reconstruction, in 2006 the Museum welcomed 750,000 visitors. The Museum hosts Fleet Week, an annual celebration honoring the men and women of the U.S. military.

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