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Background and Statement

Passing of Renowned Architect Cesar Pelli

Hartford, CT, July 19, 2019— The following statement is from Connecticut Science Center President and CEO, Matt Fleury concerning the passing of architect Cesar Pelli:

Background

In 2004, Cesar Pelli won a competition among four globally renowned architects to become the designer of the new Connecticut Science Center in downtown Hartford Connecticut. The dramatic building, comprised of two arrayed parallelograms separated by a 140' tall atrium with a swooping roof, opened to the public in June 2009. As the Science Center celebrates its 10th anniversary, it has established itself as a new fixture of Connecticut's architectural landscape and attracted visitors from around the world.

Statement

"Cesar Pelli's vision created exactly the expressive, beautiful and functional structure required to make the Connecticut Science Center successful. Now an iconic and gracious feature on the skyline of our capital city, Pelli's building proclaims Connecticut's heritage and future as a community of innovation and affords visitors inside the inspirational experiences that empower them to realize that ambition. We are proud that Cesar Pelli's global legacy includes the Connecticut Science Center, and we are grateful to have collaborated with him in such an extraordinary endeavor. Our hearts go out to his family and his team in New Haven."

Additional Background courtesy of Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects with description and images of the project:
<https://pcparch.com/project/connecticut-science-center/>

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About the Connecticut Science Center: The LEED-Gold certified Connecticut Science Center, located in downtown Hartford, sparks creative imagination and an appreciation for science by immersing visitors in fun and educational hands-on, minds-on interactive experiences while maintaining an environmentally conscious presence. Serving more than 3.25 million people since opening in 2009, the Science Center features more than 165 exhibits in ten galleries. Covering a range of topics, including space and earth sciences, physical sciences, biology, the Connecticut River watershed, alternative energy sources, Connecticut inventors and innovations, a children's gallery, and much more. Other features include the state's only year-round butterfly habitat, five educational labs, a 200-seat 3D digital theater, function room, gift store, and ongoing events for all ages.

The Science Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing science education throughout the state of Connecticut and New England, providing learning opportunities for students and adults of all ages, and engaging the community in scientific exploration. The Connecticut Science Center is also the home to the **Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Academy for Teachers**, offering powerful Professional Development for educators.

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