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## **U.S. Conference of Mayors President, Mayor James Garner, Appointed to Homeland Security State and Local Officials Senior Advisory Committee**

### ***Mayor Patrick McCrory Named to Homeland Security Advisory Council***

Washington, D.C. – The U.S. Conference of Mayors President, Hempstead (NY) Mayor James A. Garner was recently appointed by Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge to serve as an Organizational Representative on the Homeland Security State and Local Officials Senior Advisory Committee.

Secretary Ridge established this committee to provide the Homeland Security Advisory Council with advice on increasing America's security from experts representing state and local governments.

Additionally, Charlotte Mayor Patrick McCrory was appointed by Secretary Ridge to serve as a member of the Homeland Security Advisory Council. The Council provides advice and recommendations to Secretary Ridge on homeland security-related issues.

Tom Cochran, Executive Director of the U.S. Conference of Mayors said, "We are pleased that two of our board members - our president Mayor Garner and Mayor McCrory – have been named by Secretary Ridge to serve on the Homeland Security Advisory Council. We will continue to work closely with Secretary Ridge and his top officials to make sure that our nation's first responders – police, fire and EMS - are ready to prevent and respond to any possible attacks on our nation, and get the resources they need quickly and efficiently."