Mr. Tommy Miles, Jr. Business Leadership Award

Mr. Tommy Miles, Jr. is being honored with the Business Leadership Award in recognition of her contributions to the economic vitality and charitable service of the Black community in Ocean City. Mr. Miles was born on March 12, 1940 to Lillie Mae and Tommy Miles. He was raised in Marion, South Carolina, one of seven siblings. He attended public schools in Marion and worked as a construction worker and gas station attendant in the community, always with an eye toward his vision to be a business owner.

Mr. Miles relocated to Ocean City in the summer of 1962. Once in Ocean City, he began working at Bob's Seafood and Peter Granger's Cleaning Service. In Ocean City, he met and married Mary Hayward-Miles in 1966. They have four children, Gregory, Sharon, Patricia, and Laquinta; five grandchildren, Gregory, William, Whitney, Courtney, and Aaliyah; and one great-granddaughter, London. Mr. Miles is a member of Shiloh Baptist Church and is known for his kindness and generosity to all who know him. He is a quiet and kind-hearted man who does not hesitate to offer a helping hand to others no matter the circumstance. He is the owner of Tommy Miles Window Cleaning and Painting. While managing his business, he also worked for the City of Ocean City until his retirement. Mr. Miles was determined to provide the best lifestyle for his family that he could. He currently resides in Ocean City with his wife.