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The *Champion for Business* award symbolizes our gratitude for extraordinary efforts by legislators on behalf of the business community.

For 35 years, Associated Industries of Florida (AIF) has published *Voting Records*, an analysis of every vote cast by every legislator on every major business issue. The votes provide tangible evidence of whether or not that legislator upholds the ability of Florida companies to operate free of overly burdensome state regulation and taxation. It is a valuable tool used by AIF and the business community to determine which legislators running for re-election deserve our support. Yet, voting records only tell part of the story.

AIF instituted the *Champion for Business* award in 2003 to acknowledge lawmakers who do more than vote for business and provide leadership on key legislation. A *Champion for Business* is a legislator who takes risks for his or her belief in the free-enterprise system, who defies the status quo when it is harmful to our state's competitive climate, and who faces down opponents to the growing prosperity of Florida's citizens.

The *Champion for Business* is evidence that, in our efforts to let our members and their legislators know who has been good for business and who has been bad, we leave no stone unturned.

This year, AIF selected those legislators who we deem are strong and forceful advocates for the business community. In our collective wisdom, these 16 legislators are the epitome of what a *Champion for Business* should be. Whether they proposed an important bill, authored a key amendment, or toiled behind the scenes, these legislators are the ones who made a difference this session. In addition, AIF is proud to present *Council Awards* to a group of policy-makers who exhibited great leadership on behalf of AIF's Council system.

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Rep. Dean Cannon
(R-Winter Park) is receiving his second AIF *Champion for Business* Award. As the Speaker-Designate for the House of Representatives, Rep.

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Cannon continues to be a loyal defender of the free-enterprise system. He has a clear understanding of what it takes to grow Florida's economy and protect our business climate. This year, Rep. Cannon was instrumental in developing Medicaid reform legislation that would provide Florida with significant cost-savings. Rep. Cannon's proposal would create a "Medicaid Managed Care" model which establishes the Medicaid program as a statewide, integrated managed care program for all covered services. Rep. Cannon brought forth this proposal in an effort to reign in costs and promote fiscal predictability within Florida's Medicaid program. AIF has been a long-time supporter of Medicaid reform, and we are deeply thankful for Rep. Cannon's leadership on this issue. For this we are proud to recognize Rep. Dean Cannon as a *Champion for Business*.



Speaker Larry Cretul
(R-Ocala) is receiving his first AIF *Champion for Business* award. AIF would like to recognize Speaker Cretul's leadership ethic and steadfast

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dedication to promoting the interests of Florida's employers. Speaker Cretul demonstrated his commitment to the business community by effectively working with Senate leadership to pass the much anticipated unemployment compensation tax relief legislation (**HB 7033**). Passed on the very first day of the 2010 session,

this much needed assistance alleviated the burden of excessive unemployment compensation taxation on Florida business owners. AIF is proud to call Speaker Larry Cretul a *Champion for Business*.



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Rep. Steve Crisafulli
(R-Merritt Island) is a first time AIF *Champion for Business* recipient and truly deserves our recognition for promoting job creation and

economic development in Florida. This year, Rep. Crisafulli demonstrated persistent leadership in bringing forth several pieces of legislation dealing with Florida's space industry. **HB 1389**, otherwise known as the "STAR" act, will allocate resources for projects to retain or create high-technology jobs, effectively developing a more diverse aerospace economy in Florida. In addition, Rep. Crisafulli introduced **HB 969**, which provides Space Florida with flexibility in spending funds for improvements to other launch complexes and space transportation facilities in order to attract new space vehicle testing and launch business to the state. Rep. Crisafulli must also be acknowledged for bringing forth a proposal that will create greater efficiency in Space Florida's governing board. **HB 451** will make the Space Florida board a more industry-credible body with the ability to recruit and retain aerospace businesses throughout Florida. AIF is pleased to report that all three of these measures passed the Legislature and have been approved by the Governor. For his strong commitment in providing relief to Florida's space industry, we are proud to distinguish Rep. Steve Crisafulli as a *Champion for Business*.



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Rep. Brad Drake
(R-DeFuniak Springs) is receiving his first AIF *Champion for Business* award for sponsoring and passing one of AIF's

priority bills for the 2010 session – **HB 1563** Relating to Commercial Insurance Rates. This legislation excludes certain types of commercial insurance and risks from having to file a rate with the Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR). Rep. Drake is commended for bringing forth a proposal that understands to attract and retain private capital to meet Florida's insurance needs, rates must be "market based" and determined by consumers in a competitive environment, not by government. Even in a tumultuous political atmosphere, Rep. Drake worked cooperatively with leadership in both chambers and was able to pass the Senate companion, **SB 2176**. For this reason, AIF is proud to recognize Rep. Brad Drake as a *Champion for Business*.



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Rep. Adam Hasner
(R-Delray Beach) is receiving his third *Champion for Business* Award in recognition of his unwavering support of AIF and the business

community if Florida. As a Majority Leader, Rep. Hasner has been a force to reckon with. His leadership has been instrumental in helping major pieces of pro-business legislation pass the House of Representatives throughout his tenure as an elected official. This year, Rep. Hasner once again played a major role in passing AIF priority legislation dealing with bringing tax relief to employers paying unemployment compensation taxes.

Without his assistance, business owners in Florida could have faced tax increases of more than 1000 percent. For this and many other reasons, AIF is proud to recognize Majority Leader Adam Hasner as a *Champion for Business*.



Rep. Alan Hays (R-Umatilla) has traditionally been a pro-business advocate during his tenure in the Legislature and is receiving his second AIF *Champion for Business* award.

This year, Rep. Hays has further exhibited his support for the business community by sponsoring legislation that enacts a Workers' Compensation Drug-repackaging fix. Through his efforts, Rep. Hays included language in **HB 5603** relating to the Department of Financial Services that would save Florida employers close to \$40 million in workers' compensation costs. Furthermore, this statutory fix would prevent providers from charging exorbitant prices for repackaged medications. Despite a veto by the Governor, AIF commends Rep. Hays for his efforts and for recognizing the importance of relieving Florida's employers from excessive Workers' Compensation costs. Once again, we are pleased to recognize Rep. Alan Hays as a *Champion for Business*.



Rep. Mike Horner (R-Kissimmee) is receiving his first AIF *Champion for Business* award for his continuing efforts to pass legislation designed to address

a Florida Supreme Court ruling which disallowed the long standing practice of parents signing legal waivers allowing their children to participate in sports and other commercial activities. **HB 285** relating to Parental Authority authorizes natural guardians, on behalf of any of their minor children, to waive and release, in advance, any claim or cause of action that would apply to any of their minor children to the same extent that any adult may do so on his or her own behalf. Opponents of this bill battled against

passage at every step of the way and Rep. Horner did a masterful job of debunking their arguments and successfully passing **HB 285**. AIF would like to recognize Rep. Horner for his courage in sponsoring this legislation and seeing its passage through both the House & Senate. For this reason, we are proud to recognize Rep. Mike Horner as a *Champion for Business*.



Rep. Ralph Poppell (R-Titusville) is receiving his first *Champion for Business* Award this year for his sponsorship of one of AIF's top economic development priorities. Known as Dynamic Scoring or Modeling, **HB 121** establishes a process by which the Speaker and President of the Senate can ask the state's economists to analyze the cost and benefits associated with particular pieces of proposed legislation. By allowing the state to undertake this type of research, legislators will be better informed when deciding the fate of legislation that could potentially bring much-needed revenues and economic activity to the state. For his dedication to seeing this proposal become reality, AIF is proud to recognize Rep. Poppell as a *Champion for Business*.

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Rep. Perry Thurston (D-Ft. Lauderdale) is receiving his first AIF *Champion for Business* Award. Rep. Thurston has done an extraordinary job in sponsoring and passing legislation that will make Florida a more attractive location for international business, a big priority for the business community. **HB 821** relating to International Commercial Arbitration allows Florida companies engaged in international commerce to conduct arbitrations on a more regular basis in Florida. By design, this will decrease their costs while simultaneously boosting Florida's reputation as an international leader in commercial arbitration. As one of AIF's priorities for the 2010 session, this bill will increase economic activity by bringing more international arbitration

proceedings to Florida. AIF would like to recognize Rep. Thurston's hard work and unwavering devotion to seeing this measure's passage through the Legislature that will further strengthen Florida's position as a global leader for international trade and commerce. For this reason, we are proud to call Rep. Perry Thurston a *Champion for Business*.

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Rep. Will Weatherford (R-Wesley Chapel) will be receiving his first AIF *Champion for Business* award for his outstanding leadership in promoting economic development and education reform policies. Rep. Weatherford sponsored a comprehensive jobs package (**HB 1509**), which provides Florida's employers with numerous economic development incentives to promote much needed job growth. Furthermore, Rep. Weatherford's wide-ranging jobs bill will make Florida a more competitive state for commercial expansion, particularly within the film & entertainment industry. Rep. Weatherford is also to be commended as a strong champion of education reform. As the prime sponsor for the "Right Size Class Size" amendment (**HJR 7039**), Rep. Weatherford advocated for giving Floridians the opportunity to repeal constitutional class size requirements that are inflexible and too costly to implement with an ever-increasing budget gap. Rep. Weatherford's capacity to work with members on both sides of the aisle and pass these measures has demonstrated his irrefutable ability to be an effective leader. AIF is proud to recognize Rep. Will Weatherford as a *Champion for Business*.

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Sen. Thad Altman (R-Melbourne) is now a two-time *Champion for Business* Award winner for his continued success in promoting the space industry's agenda. Virtually every space-related measure in the Senate that AIF has followed this session was sponsored by Sen. Altman.

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These priorities include measures that will provide Space Florida with the resources to retain or create high-technology jobs (SB 2500), as well as legislation that allows remaining launch complex renovation funds to be used on a variety of infrastructure projects (SB 1776). In addition, Sen. Altman sponsored a memorial (SM 944) requesting Congress to direct one of the decommissioned Space Shuttle orbiters be preserved and placed on display at the Kennedy Space Center. Sen. Altman is to be commended for his hard work and leadership on providing much needed relief to Florida's space industry. For these reasons, AIF is proud to once again call Sen. Thad Altman a *Champion for Business*.



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President Jeff Atwater (R-North Palm Beach) is receiving his third AIF *Champion for Business* Award this year. A true proponent for free enterprise, President

Atwater once again demonstrated real leadership in passing sweeping tort reform legislation that is of great significance to AIF. Expressing his commitment to get these matters resolved early in the session, President Atwater's accomplishments will ensure that Florida's employers are not unfairly targeted or burdened by frivolous claims. AIF salutes President Atwater for his unwavering commitment to handling the Legislature's business in such an efficient manner. To that end, AIF is proud to call President Jeff Atwater a *Champion for Business*.



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Sen. Rudy Garcia (R-Miami) is receiving his first AIF *Champion for Business* award for sponsoring one of AIF's most important priorities for the 2010 legisla-

tive session — unemployment compensation tax relief. Florida businesses simply could not pay these unexpected, exorbitant taxes without terminating more workers, cutting benefits or pos-

sibly closing their doors altogether. Sen. Garcia demonstrated an understanding of this issue by effectively working with leadership in both chambers to pass the much anticipated Unemployment Compensation relief legislation. Passed on the very first day of the 2010 session, this needed assistance alleviated the burden of excessive unemployment compensation taxation on Florida business owners. Because of Sen. Garcia's hard work and dedication to this issue, countless Florida businesses will be able to keep their doors open and remain a viable source of employment for our citizens. For these reasons, AIF is proud to call Sen. Rudy Garcia a *Champion for Business*.



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Sen. Mike Haridopolos (R-Melbourne) is a multiple *Champion for Business* Award winner and a remarkable defender of the business commu-

nity. This year we are recognizing Sen. Haridopolos for playing a significant role in overseeing the passage of the Legislature's largest economic development initiative. As the Senate's President-designate, Sen. Haridopolos exhibited tremendous leadership ability in developing SB 1752, also known as the "Jobs for Florida" Package. This comprehensive legislation will provide Florida businesses with incentives that create jobs and promote economic development in Florida. In addition, Sen. Haridopolos deserves recognition for a proposal that provides an innovative way to assess the benefits associated with potential legislation. His "Dynamic Scoring" legislation (SB 1178) will modernize the process of evaluating the fiscal impact of proposed legislation and allow policymakers the ability to consider potential revenue enhancements, as well as costs to the state, when setting policy. For these reasons, AIF is proud to call Sen. Mike Haridopolos a *Champion for Business*.



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Sen. Garrett Richter (R-Naples) is receiving his second AIF *Champion for Business* Award for his sponsorship of AIF priority legislation, SB 2044, dealing

with property insurance in Florida. Sen. Richter was instrumental in helping pass legislation that places a three-year cap on filing claims, effectively shutting the door to more abuse by some public adjusters. In addition, AIF commends Sen. Richter for including priorities that are designed to improve the property insurance market by increasing solvency requirements for new domestic property insurers. Despite overseeing its passage by the Legislature, Sen. Richter's efforts were thwarted by the Governor's veto pen. Nevertheless, AIF is proud to once again call Sen. Garrett Richter a *Champion for Business*, and we look forward to working with him on this measure in the coming year.



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Sen. John Thrasher (R-Jacksonville) is receiving his first AIF *Champion for Business* award after his first year in the Florida Senate. Senator

Thrasher demonstrated exemplary leadership and persistence in sponsoring bold education reform legislation. SB 6 Relating to Education Personnel provides that school districts must adopt performance appraisals for instructional personnel. By implementing a system in which an employee's compensation is based upon student gains, Sen. Thrasher's proposal creates a more business-like approach to teacher pay and builds a system that allows the best teachers to have a career in the classroom. In addition, Sen. Thrasher's leadership demonstrated Florida's commitment to education reform and our desire to prevail in the federal "Race to the Top" competition. Despite massive opposition from the unions and a subsequent veto from the Governor, Sen. John Thrasher's efforts have earned him the recognition of a true *Champion for Business*.

Council Awards

Associated Industries of Florida is made up of a diverse group of businesses and associations that represent a wide array of economic sectors. AIF has organized a number of Councils in order to best represent groups of employers that share a common subject area or interest. AIF's Council system has already produced excellent results, both legislatively and politically.

Financial Services Council



Sen. Durell Peaden

(R-Crestview) was pivotal in sponsoring and passing legislation that the FSC has identified as a top priority this year. **SB 2176** will

allow specified types of commercial lines insurance to be exempt from rate filing and review requirements. Through his leadership, Sen. Peaden's "Commercial Insurance Rate Deregulation" legislation acknowledges the importance of insurance rates being "market based" and regulated by consumers in a competitive environment, not by government. His commitment to support free market values is why AIF's Financial Services Council is proud to designate Sen. Durell Peaden as Senate *Legislator of the Year*.



Rep. Bill Proctor

(R-St. Augustine) faced an uphill battle this session in the area of property insurance reform. As the prime sponsor of **HB 447**,

Rep. Proctor diligently defended the merits of providing consumers with more choices and more options for purchasing their homeowners' insurance. In addition, Rep. Proctor handled much of the debate and passage of AIF's top property insurance reform bill, **SB 2044**. Rep. Proctor is to be commended for his continued perseverance to implement property insurance reform in Florida. AIF's Financial Services Council is proud to designate Rep. Bill Proctor as *Legislator of the Year*.

Florida Maritime Council



Sen. Jeremy Ring

(D-Margate) demonstrated true leadership in the Senate this year by sponsoring legislation that aims to develop Florida's

14 deepwater ports. As a top priority

for AIF's Florida Maritime Council, Sen. Ring's proposal authorizes Florida's seaports to receive or solicit proposals from and enter into public-private infrastructure project agreements with private entities to build, operate, maintain, or finance port-related public infrastructure projects. With a tremendous impact on jobs and economic value to Florida, AIF applauds Sen. Ring's vision and leadership in developing this legislation to help Florida's port businesses expand Florida's position as an international commerce leader. AIF's FMC would like to honor Sen. Jeremy Ring as its Senate *Legislator of the Year*.



Rep. Lake Ray

(R-Jacksonville) is a broad supporter of the business agenda and has exhibited extensive knowledge of issues important to the mari-

time industry. Alongside Sen. Ring, he has played a fundamental role in passing legislation (**HB 963**) to help Florida's port businesses expand through public-private infrastructure projects. In addition, Rep. Ray also sponsored a proposal that would incentivize insurance companies to invest in Florida's ports as a new funding source. Although the measure did not pass the Senate, Rep. Ray is to be commended for his hard work and understanding that Florida's ports play a significant role in economic development and job growth. AIF's Florida Maritime Council would like to honor Rep. Lake Ray as their *Legislator of the Year*.

Florida Education, Economic & Workforce Development Council



Rep. John Legg (R-Port Richey), as Chair of the House PreK-12 Policy Committee, has played a pivotal role this year in sponsoring major reform legislation for

Florida's public education system. In an

effort to address graduation standards, Rep. Legg sponsored the Council's top priority, **HB 7053**, which implements more stringent requirements to ensure that our students are prepared for the needs of employers and able to compete in a global workforce. In addition, he was a major player in the **SB 6** battle, perhaps the most controversial bill of the 2010 session. This bill would have implemented a merit-based pay system that is contingent upon student gains, effectively ensuring that the best teachers remain in the classroom. After 3 days and over 22 hours of debate on the floor, Rep. Legg succeeded in garnering support to pass the measure. Unfortunately, the bill was vetoed by the Governor due to pressure from the teachers' unions. AIF's Education, Economic, & Workforce Development Council is proud to designate Rep. John Legg as *Legislator of the Year*.



Sen. Nancy Detert

(R-Venice) is a staunch supporter of education reform for Florida's students. As a traditionally pro-business legislator, Sen. Detert understands

the importance of preparing our workforce of tomorrow to sufficiently meet the needs of our workforce. By sponsoring **SB 4** (the Council's top education priority), students are exposed to a more stringent coursework prior to graduation from high school. This legislation specifies Geometry and Algebra II as two of the four mathematics credits needed for graduation and Biology I and Chemistry or Physics as two of the three science credits needed for graduation. Sen. Detert was effective in seeing this legislation through its passage and approval by the Governor. By championing legislation that will prepare our students for the ever-growing global marketplace, AIF's Education, Economic, & Workforce Development Council is proud to designate Sen. Nancy Detert as *Legislator of the Year*.

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Information Technology Council



Rep. Marlene O'Toole (R-The Villages) is a true champion of Florida's IT industry and has demonstrated true devotion through her support of AIF's

IT Council. This year, the IT community encountered **SB 1706**, a rehash of a proposal from last year that would place an inordinate amount of restrictions on businesses contracting with the state. Particularly, this measure contained language that would grant the state power to terminate contracts, prevent agencies from entering into certain contracts without legislative approval, and protect the state from paying interest and contract termination obligations. AIF was successful in defeating this legislation last year and was successful once again this session under the leadership of Rep. O'Toole. It is without hesitation that AIF's Information Technology Council designates Sen. Marlene O'Toole as *Legislator of the Year*.

Florida Development & Infrastructure Council



Rep. Dorothy Hukill (R-Port Orange), as Chair of the House Military & Local Affairs Policy Committee, sponsored legislation this year of great significance

to the FDIC. Commonly referred to as the "bridge bill," **HB 7099** provides

a safety net for developers who have relied on certain provisions of last year's landmark growth management bill, which is currently being challenged in state courts. Known as the "Community Renewal Act," last year's legislation offered larger developments the option of avoiding the Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) process in certain densely populated areas. Although her bill did not pass this year, Rep. Hukill was successful in including this language in the landmark "Jobs for Florida" package (**SB 1752**) which did pass and was signed by the Governor. For this reason, the Florida Development & Infrastructure Council would like to honor Rep. Dorothy Hukill as *Legislator of the Year*.

Environmental Sustainability Council



Sen. Lee Constantine (R-Altamonte Springs) is considered one of the most knowledgeable Senators in the arena of environmental policy. As chairman

of both the Senate Select Committee on Florida's Inland Waters & the Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee, Senator Constantine was instrumental in developing a proposal from the ground up that will place a new emphasis on recycling. Without hindering economic development, his efforts will guide businesses in marketing recycled materials, establishing new markets for recycled products and institut-

ing incentives for recycling. In addition, Senator Constantine is to be commended for his leadership in overhauling the state's water policy (**SB 550**), effectively providing a more efficient management and administration of water law for Florida's employers. For these reasons, AIF's Environmental Sustainability Council is proud to call Sen. Lee Constantine its *Senate Legislator of the Year*.



Rep. Trudi Williams (R-Ft. Myers) has traditionally been a strong advocate for Florida's business community. This year her efforts were

exemplary in assuring that AIF's top recycling measure was passed by the Legislature. As the prime sponsor of **HB 7243**, Rep. Williams established the Recycling Business Assistance Center (RBAC) to coordinate between state agencies and the private sector on the policy and overall strategic planning for developing new markets and expanding and enhancing existing markets for recyclable materials. Furthermore, Rep. Williams played a leading role in passage of the landmark water bill (**SB 550**), which contains a number of provisions that establish sound water policies for our state. For her hard work and steadfast leadership, AIF's Environmental Sustainability Council is proud to call Rep. Trudi Williams its *Legislator of the Year*.

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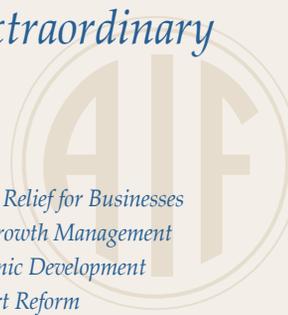
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Past Champions for Business & Council Award Winners

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2009 Champions for Business

Rep. Dean Cannon – *Energy Legislation*
Rep. Anitere Flores – *Workers' Comp*
Rep. Adam Hasner – *Elections*
Rep. Carlos Lopez-Cantera
Property Taxes
Rep. Jimmy Patronis – *Medicaid Reform*
Sen. Garrett Richter – *Workers' Comp*
Sen. Mike Fasano – *Economic Development*
Sen. Chris Smith – *Public Notices*
Sen. Don Gaetz – *Low Income Pool*
Transparency

2009 Council "Legislator of the Year"

Financial Services Council

Sen. Mike Bennett – *Surplus Lines*
Insurance/Taxation
Rep. Bryan Nelson – *Property Insurance*
Rep. Pat Patterson – *Surplus Lines Insurance*

Florida Energy Council

Rep. Charles Van Zant – *Energy Legislation*
Rep. Seth McKeel – *Oil & Gas Exploration*

Florida Maritime Council

Sen. Dave Aronberg – *Seaport Security*

Florida Education, Economic, & Workforce Development Council

Rep. Erik Fresen – *High School Graduation*
Requirements

2008 Champions for Business

Rep. Thad Altman – *Space Legislation*
Rep. Anitere Flores – *Education &*
Workforce Development
Rep. Peter Nehr – *Property Tax Reform*
Rep. Ray Sanson – *Economic Development*
Rep. Baxter Troutman – *Metal Theft*
Legislation
Sen. Mike Bennett – *Administrative*
Procedures Act
Sen. Mike Fasano – *Transportation*
Sen. Mike Haridopolos – *Taxes*
Sen. Bill Posey – *Space Legislation*
Sen. Jeremy Ring – *Economic Development*

2008 Council "Legislator of the Year"

Financial Services Council

Rep. Dennis Ross – *Property Insurance*
Sen. Al Lawson – *Property Insurance*
CFO Alex Sink – *CatFund Reduction*

Florida Energy Council

Rep. Paige Kreegel – *Energy Legislation*

Florida Maritime Council

Rep. Kevin Ambler – *Seaport Security*

2007 Champions for Business

Rep. Trey Traviesa – *Telecommunications*
Rep. Charlie Dean – *Tort Reform*
Rep. Alan Hays – *Property Insurance*
Rep. Rich Glorioso – *Transportation*

2007 Council "Legislator of the Year"

Governmental Outsourcing Council

Rep. Aaron Bean – *Contracting Legislation*

Information Technology Council

Rep. Will Weatherford – *Enterprise*
Information Technology
Sen. Al Lawson – *Enterprise Information*
Technology

2006 Champions for Business

Gov. Jeb Bush – *Support of Business Agenda*
Speaker Allan Bense – *Tort Reform/Repeal of*
Joint & Several
Senate President Tom Lee – *Tort Reform/*
Repeal of Joint & Several
Rep. Marty Bowen – *Agriculture*
Rep. Don Brown – *Tort Reform/Repeal of*
Joint & Several
Rep. Fred Brummer – *Tax Reform*
Rep. Mike Davis – *Affordable Housing*
Rep. Adam Hasner – *Energy Legislation*
Rep. Matt Meadows – *Tax Incentives for*
Manufacturing
Rep. Dennis Ross – *Property Insurance*
Reform
Rep. Marco Rubio – *Private Property Rights*
Rep. Trey Traviesa – *Telecommunications*

Sen. Jeff Atwater – *Tax Relief for Businesses*
Sen. Mike Bennett – *Growth Management*
Sen. Jim King – *Economic Development*
Sen. Dan Webster – *Tort Reform*

2005 Champions for Business

Governor Jeb Bush – *Tort Reform*
Speaker Allan Bense – *Tort Reform*
Rep. Frank Attkisson – *Private Sector*
Protection
Rep. Holly Benson – *Medicaid Reform*
Legislation
Rep. Don Brown – *Tort Reform*
Rep. Fred Brummer – *Repeal of Intangible Tax*
Rep. Rene Garcia – *Medicaid Reform*
Legislation
Rep. Joe Pickens – *Asbestos and Silica*
Reform Act
Rep. Dennis Ross – *Property Insurance*
Reform
Rep. Dwight Stansel – *Tax Reform*
Rep. John Stargel – *Tax Reform*
Sen. Jeff Atwater – *Tax Reform*
Sen. Mike Haridopolos – *Tax Reform*

2004 Champions for Business

Rep. Allan Bense – *Support of Business*
Agenda
Rep. Kim Berfield – *Workers' Comp Reform*
Rep. Mike Davis – *Growth Management*
Rep. Jeff Kottkamp – *Premises Liability*
Legislation
Rep. Bruce Kyle – *Court Funding*
Rep. Joe Negron – *Court Funding*
Rep. John Stargel – *Tax Reform*
Sen. JD Alexander – *Workers' Comp Reform*
Sen. Mike Bennett – *Growth Management*
Sen. Mike Haridopolos – *Tax Reform*
Sen. Rod Smith – *Court Funding*

2003 Champions for Business

Rep. Allan Bense – *Support of Business*
Agenda
Rep. Dudley Goodlette – *Workers' Comp*
Rep. Connie Mack – *Tort Reform*