



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

Throughout the 2020 Session, these legislators provided outstanding support on critical issues to AIF and our members.

Votes provide tangible evidence of whether a legislator supports the ability of Florida companies to prosper and 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 deserve our support. Yet voting records only tell part of the story.

A *Champion for Business* is a legislator who takes a stand 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 supported business and who hasn't, we leave no stone unturned.

In our collective wisdom, these five 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.



Senator Kathleen Passidomo is receiving her second *AIF Champion for Business Award*. Associated Industries of Florida applauds Majority Leader Passidomo for her work to pass Accuracy in Damages legislation through the Senate Health Policy Committee. Leader Passidomo personally ensured that Republican Senators who were in other committees presenting bills made it back to Health Policy to vote to support this important piece of business legislation.



Senator Dennis Baxley is receiving his first *AIF Champion for Business Award*. Associated Industries of Florida applauds Senator Baxley for including language in his sponsored legislation that would ensure that personal injury claims could not be made under the Water Quality Assurance Act. For the first time, civil causes of action for personal injury claims could be brought against businesses under this act due to a Supreme Court of Florida decision.



Senator Ben Albritton is receiving his second *AIF Champion for Business Award*. Associated Industries of Florida applauds Senator Albritton for championing legislation in the Florida Senate that would end attempts to allow individuals in some Florida counties to sue businesses and local governments on behalf of inanimate objects, like rivers and streams. This issue, known as "Rights of Nature," would be a tool by which environmental extremists could shut down growth in our state.

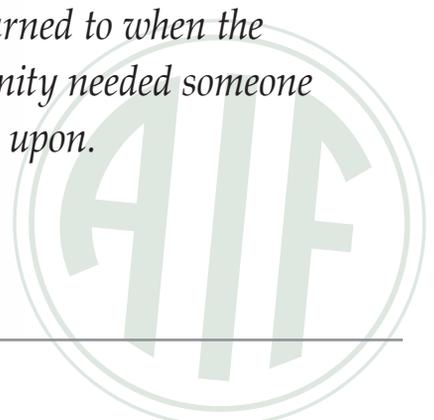


Representative Charlie Stone is receiving his first *AIF Champion for Business Award*. Associated Industries of Florida applauds Representative Stone for including language in his sponsored legislation that would ensure that personal injury claims could not be made under the Water Quality Assurance Act. For the first time, civil causes of action for personal injury claims could be brought against businesses under this act due to a Supreme Court of Florida decision.



Representative Blaise Ingoglia is receiving his first *AIF Champion for Business Award*. Associated Industries of Florida applauds Representative Ingoglia for championing legislation in the Florida House of Representatives that would end attempts to allow individuals in some Florida counties to sue businesses and local governments on behalf of inanimate objects, like rivers and streams. This issue, known as "Rights of Nature," would be a tool by which environmental extremists could shut down growth in our state.

Throughout the 2020 Session, these were the leaders we turned to when the business community needed someone we could depend upon.





100% Vote for Business

We applaud
these 15
legislators
who have
helped make
Florida the
best place
to do
business.

Associated Industries of Florida (AIF) and our members are proud to recognize the **members of the Florida Legislature who have achieved a 100% AIF voting record** for the 2020 Session. This represents a commitment to sound policy that supports Florida's employers and job creators. Not only does this score encompass votes to pass legislation beneficial to businesses, it includes votes to defeat policies that would have a detrimental impact on businesses and their employees.



Sen. Ben Albritton
(R-Bartow)



Sen. Lizbeth Benacquisto
(R-Ft. Myers)



Sen. Rob Bradley
(R-Orange Park)



Sen. Doug Broxson
(R-Pensacola)



Sen. Manny Diaz
(R-Hialeah Gardens)



Sen. Anitere Flores
(R-Miami)



Sen. Bill Galvano
(R-Bradenton)



Sen. Travis Hutson
(R-Palm Coast)



Sen. Kathleen Passidomo
(R-Naples)



Sen. Keith Perry
(R-Gainesville)



Sen. Wilton Simpson
(R-Trilby)



Sen. Kelli Stargel
(R-Lakeland)



Sen. Tom Wright
(R-Port Orange)



Rep. Chuck Clemons
(R-Jonesville)



Rep. Jason Shoaf
(R-Port St. Joe)



For the past 100 years, it has been AIF's mission to create and foster an economic climate in Florida that is conducive to the growth, development and welfare of Florida's industry and business community.

We will continue to fight for the advancement of economic prosperity in Florida through education, lobbying, political activity and other means to have a positive affect on state public policy.

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