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Representative Ben Diamond Honored With 2019 Defender of Home Rule Award

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TALLAHASSEE – The Florida League of Cities presented Representative Ben Diamond with a 2019 Defender of Home Rule Award during its 93rd annual conference in Orlando this past weekend. Diamond was unable to attend the event, but he accepted the award and addressed the association and its members via video message.

“You are the folks that are making our communities work,” said Diamond. “You are responding every day to the needs of our residents and really making our cities great in Florida. Thank you very much for this honor. I’m sorry I can’t be with you in person but look forward to continuing our work together in the upcoming legislative session.”

This prestigious award was presented to Diamond for his tireless efforts to defend and protect the principles of municipal Home Rule during the 2019 legislative session. Recipients of the Defender of Home Rule Award are legislators who consistently voted and advocated on behalf of the League and its members.

“As a taxpayer in Rep. Diamond’s district, I’m proud to be able to talk directly to him and let him know how important everything is to us on the local level,” said Pinellas Park Councilwoman Patricia “Patti” Johnson. “As a local elected official, I give the highest of kudos to Rep. Diamond for always working for his constituents and not the popular vote.”

First elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2016, Diamond was re-elected to represent District 68 in 2018. Prior to that, Diamond served as general counsel to Florida’s chief financial officer, served four years on the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and was a member of the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce. He also serves with the St. Petersburg Bar Association and the Pinellas County Urban League and is a member of Leadership Florida, Class XXVII.

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