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Florida League of Cities Recognizes Senator Jason Pizzo With 2020 Defender of Home Rule Award

Senator Pizzo receives the League's most prestigious legislative award

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The **Florida League of Cities**, the united voice for Florida's municipal governments, recently recognized **Senator Jason Pizzo** with a Defender of Home Rule Award for his efforts during the 2020 Legislative Session to defend and protect the principles of municipal Home Rule.

"The bulk of what we do to protect our cities takes place in the hours spent arguing behind the scenes or in a form of legislative debate that's both intricate and nuanced," said Pizzo. "So, it's intellectually and professionally redemptive to be recognized as a Defender of Home Rule."

The Defender of Home Rule Award is the League's most prestigious legislative award and is given only to those legislators who consistently voted and advocated on behalf of the League and its member cities during session.

"Senator Pizzo is the kind of legislator you want representing you at the state level," said **Florida League of Cities Director of Legislative Affairs Casey Cook**. "He's genuinely passionate about local issues, he's accessible to the League's legislative team and our members, and he dedicates an incredible amount of time and effort to everything he does. On behalf of the League and Florida's municipalities, we are honored to present Senator Pizzo with a 2020 Defender of Home Rule Award."

"It is when people of our communities are at their lowest and in despair that bold and inspirational leaders shine bright," said **City of Sunny Isles Beach Vice Mayor Larisa Svechin**. "Senator Pizzo has been the brilliant star for all members of our community, rolling up his sleeves and shedding light while he holds the hands of so many."

Pizzo was elected to the Florida Senate in 2018. He represents District 38, which includes 15 cities in Miami-Dade County. Prior to holding office, he served as an assistant state attorney for the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office.

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Founded in 1922, the Florida League of Cities is the united voice for Florida's municipal governments. Its goals are to promote local self-government and serve the needs of Florida's cities, which are formed and governed by their citizens. The League believes in "Local Voices Making Local Choices," which focuses on the impact citizens and city leaders have in improving Florida's communities. For more information, visit flcities.com.