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## **Representative Sam Killebrew Honored With 2019 Defender of Home Rule Award**

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**TALLAHASSEE** – The Florida League of Cities presented Representative Sam Killebrew with a 2019 Defender of Home Rule Award during its 93rd annual conference in Orlando this past weekend.

"For me it's simple: local government knows what is best for their cities because they have their ears to the ground and support their constituents," said Killebrew as he accepted the award. "Each city has its own needs and wants, and it should be up to them how they address them."

"We go back to session in Tallahassee in September," he continued, "and I will continue to fight for Home Rule. I appreciate this award very much. Thank you."

This prestigious award was presented to Killebrew 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.

"Rep. Killebrew always makes an effort to be accessible to his constituents," said Lake Hamilton Vice Mayor Marlene Wagner. "He's met with our town staff and our town council to understand our unique needs, and he attends many of our town's special events. Killebrew really is our own town's Home Rule hero."

Killebrew is a U.S. Navy Veteran, a retired contractor and founder of Killebrew, Inc. He was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2016 and represents District 41 which covers parts of East Polk County including Winter Haven, Haines City, Davenport, Dundee and Eagle Lake.

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