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Pensacola City Councilman Honored with Statewide Municipal Official of the Year Award

P.C. Wu Receives the E. Harris Drew Municipal Official Lifetime Achievement Award

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Pensacola City Councilman P.C. Wu was presented with the Florida League of Cities' E. Harris Drew Municipal Official Lifetime Achievement Award at the League's annual conference in Hollywood on Saturday.

"The Florida League of Cities now joins the City of Pensacola in recognizing the deep commitment and dedication to public service rendered by Dr. P.C. Wu," said outgoing Florida League of Cities President Gil Ziffer as he presented Wu with the award. "We're honored to celebrate his dedicated service to the city of Pensacola and his outstanding contribution to cities across Florida."

Presented annually, this is the League's most prestigious award. Named for Supreme Court Justice E. Harris Drew – the man who coined the League's motto: Local self-government, the key to American democracy – it recognizes and honors a local elected official who has made a lasting and worthwhile contribution to the citizens of Florida through their efforts and dedication in the performance of their duties on the local level.

"I'm honored to be standing here with all of you today," said Wu as he was joined on stage by his wife and Florida League of Cities officers to accept the award. "Without your love and support, none of this would have been possible. Thank you."

Known for his dedication, commitment and integrity, Councilman Wu has served the City of Pensacola with distinction since his election in 2004. During that time, he has chaired the Enterprise Committee and the Community Redevelopment Agency; served as a member of the Neighborhood Services Committee, Finance Committee and Economic and Community Development Committee; and served as vice president of the city council in 2011 and as city council president in 2012-13. Wu also served as president of the Florida League of Cities in 2013-14.

As a long-term member of the city council, Wu has been an integral part of several significant projects and programs that have spearheaded the development and revitalization of the Pensacola community. He has also been a great steward for maintaining a financially sound and sustainable city government, as well as supporting the police and fire departments.

In addition to his service with the city, Wu also serves on the board of directors for the Florida League of Cities, the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust and the National League of Cities. He is a past president of the Northwest Florida League of Cities, the Florida League of Cities and several other statewide associations. Wu is also a previous winner of the Florida League of Cities' Home Rule Hero Award.

He is active in numerous community organizations and serves as secretary of the North West Florida Council on Aging, is on the Board of Directors of the Pensacola Chapter of the Navy League of the United States and volunteers for multiple organizations including Habitat for Humanity, Loaves and Fishes and the Salvation Army.

In addition to his impressive career in public service, P.C. Wu is also a professor emeritus at the University of West Florida and has received numerous Fort Walton Beach Center Outstanding Professor awards, the Distinguished Faculty Service Award and was named a Distinguished Alumni by Florida State University.

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