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## ***Representative Bobby DuBose Honored with 2018 Defender of Home Rule Award***

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**TALLAHASSEE** – The Florida League of Cities honored Representative Bobby DuBose with a 2018 Defender of Home Rule Award for his tireless efforts to defend and protect the principles of municipal Home Rule during the 2018 legislative session.

“Receiving the Defender of Home Rule Award is a great and personal honor,” said Rep. DuBose. “As a former Commissioner for the City of Fort Lauderdale, I understand the importance of Home Rule and will continue to fight for it.”

This prestigious award was presented to Rep. DuBose at the League’s 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference in Hollywood earlier today. Recipients of the Defender of Home Rule Award are legislators who consistently voted and advocated on behalf of the League and its members.

“Rep. DuBose has always been a champion of Home Rule,” said City of Oakland Park Mayor Tim Lonergan. “As a former municipal elected official, he understands the need for flexibility in local governance. We are proud of him and the great work he does defending Home Rule on behalf of all our cities.”

After serving many years with the City of Fort Lauderdale as commissioner for District 3, DuBose was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2014. After being re-elected for a second term in 2016, DuBose accepted the position of Democratic leader pro tempore. That same year, Rep. DuBose was also elected chair of the Broward Legislative Delegation for 2016-2017.

Rep. DuBose is a former president of the Broward League of Cities and a former member of the Florida League of Cities’ Board of Directors. He was recognized by the Florida League of Cities with Legislative Appreciation Awards in both 2015 and 2016 and was also named the League’s Freshman Legislator of the Year in 2015. Currently, Rep. DuBose is a member of the Florida Conference of Black State Legislators, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the Florida Blue Key Advisory Board, the University of Florida National Alumni Board and a member-at-large for the National Black Caucus of State Legislators.

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