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FAC Awards Commissioner Warren Yeager with the Presidential Advocacy Award
-Miller given award for going above and beyond during 2013 Legislative Session-

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FL – The Florida Association of Counties presented Gulf County Commissioner Warren Yeager with the Presidential Advocacy Award during the 2013 FAC Annual Conference & Exposition in Hillsborough County.

Commissioner Yeager stated, “It was an honor for me to receive this award from the Florida Association of Counties. Local involvement in the legislative process is essential in protecting our Counties interest and insuring home rule.”

Commissioner Yeager was an invaluable asset to FAC during the Legislative Session and showed exceptional commitment to advancing public policy. Yeager took time to educate legislators on FAC’s priority issues, specifically the State-County Cost Share of Medicaid.

“It is public servants like Commissioner Yeager that ensure our local communities have the authority to respond to the demands of their citizens,” said FAC Executive Director Chris Holley, “Commissioner Yeager’s support in our efforts to create an equitable and fair solution to Medicaid cost share was essential in getting rid of the cumbersome and erroneous billing system that has been in place for years.”

The Presidential Advocacy Award is given annually to those county commissioners from around the state that who have shown exceptional leadership in partnering with FAC to advance the counties’ legislative agenda.

FAC 2013 Presidential Advocacy Award winners were: Sue Birge, Hardee County; Kathy Bryant, Marion County; Barbara Sharief, Broward County; John Hall, Polk County; Fred Hawkins, Osceola County; Chip LaMarca, Broward County; Les Miller, Hillsborough County; Peter O’Bryan, Indian River County; Nora Patterson, Sarasota County; Grover Robinson, Escambia County; Karson Turner, Hendry County; Warren Yeager, Gulf County.

For 80 years, the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) has represented the diverse interests of Florida’s counties, emphasizing the importance of protecting home rule – the concept that government closest to the people governs best. The Florida Association of Counties helps counties effectively serve and represent Floridians by strengthening and preserving county home rule through advocacy, education and collaboration.

