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Mayor Cindy Lerner Honored with 2015 Home Rule Hero Award

Pinecrest, FL – The Florida League of Cities has recognized Mayor Cindy Lerner with a 2015 Home Rule Hero Award.

This prestigious award was presented to Mayor Cindy Lerner for her tireless efforts to advance the League’s legislative agenda and help protect the home rule powers of Florida’s cities during the 2015 legislative session. Home Rule Hero Award recipients are local government officials – both elected and nonelected – who consistently responded to the League’s request to reach out to members of the legislature and help give a local perspective to an issue.

“Mayor Lerner embodies the definition of a Home Rule Hero. She is extremely dedicated and works hard for the citizens of Pinecrest,” said Florida League of Cities Legislative Director Scott Dudley. “She brings that same level of commitment and energy to helping the Florida League of Cities lobbying team and is always ready and willing to contact legislators and help advocate in support of home rule. Mayor Lerner has and always will be a valuable asset to Pinecrest and the state of Florida.”

Cindy Lerner has been a practicing attorney for thirty years. Her last position was with the Guardian Ad Litem Program at Miami-Dade County’s Juvenile Court where she represented the best interests of thousands of abused and neglected children, and recruited, trained and supervised hundreds of pro bono attorneys for sixteen years.

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She suspended the active practice of law in 1998 to focus on advocating for better, more proactive legislative policies and priorities and was elected, in 2000, to the Florida House of Representatives to represent District 119, which included Pinecrest and all South Miami-Dade.

She currently serves on the Miami-Dade County Community Based Care Alliance, is Vice Chair of the 21st Century Schools Bond Advisory Committee of Miami-Dade's public schools, is the National Board Chair of Democratic Municipal Officials, and is the Vice Chair of the National League of Cities Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Steering Committee.

"Strong home rule powers ensure government stays close to the people it serves," said Mayor Lerner. "That's why I have been, and will continue to be, an advocate for the League – to help eliminate unfunded mandates and preemptions, and protect cities' right to home rule powers."

About the Florida League of Cities

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. Florida's cities are formed by their citizens and governed by their citizens. The League is founded on the belief that local self-government is the keystone of American democracy. For more information, visit www.floridaleagueofcities.com.

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