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Rep. Patronis Named Legislator of the Year

Tallahassee, FL – The Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Florida) awarded Representative Jimmy Patronis (R –Panama City) with its highest distinction bestowed upon a lawmaker. Representative Patronis was honored as AIA Florida's Legislator of Year.

Each year AIA Florida names one member of the Florida Senate and one member of the Florida House as it Legislators of the Year. The award honors lawmakers that have demonstrated support for the architecture profession and have advocated for the built environment. Representative Patronis championed the architecture industry while protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public by advocating for the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA). CCNA allows for the most qualified professionals to be hired during the public procurement process ensuring public buildings are constructed efficiently and to the highest safety standards while spending taxpayers' dollars wisely.

"Representative Patronis is a well-respected leader within the Florida House. We are happy to be recognizing him for all his efforts on behalf of the architecture profession and AIA Florida's more than 3,000 members," said AIA Florida President Peter W. Jones, AIA, at the award presentation.

The Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects, headquartered in Tallahassee, represents the interests of more than 3,200 members in Florida. Members adhere to a code of ethics and professional conduct that assures the client, the public, and colleagues of an AIA-member architect's dedication to the highest standards in professional practice.

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Attached is photo from the Legislator of the Year presentation to Representative Jimmy Patronis. From left to right is: AIA Florida President Peter W. Jones, AIA, Steve Jernigan, FAIA, Representative Jimmy Patronis and Former State Senator Charlie Clary, FAIA.