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Leondrae D. Camel Honored with 2024 Home Rule Hero Award

City of South Bay official recognized for advocacy efforts during the 2024 Legislative Session

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City of South Bay, FL – The **Florida League of Cities (FLC)**, the united voice for Florida’s municipal governments, recently recognized City of South Bay City Manager Leondrae D. Camel with a 2024 Home Rule Hero Award for their hard work and advocacy efforts during the 2024 Legislative Session. Camel worked tirelessly throughout session to promote local voices making local choices, protect the Home Rule powers of Florida’s municipalities and advance the League’s legislative agenda.

“The dedication and effort of these local officials who tirelessly advocated for local decision-making was a difference-maker this legislative session,” said **FLC Chief of Legislative Affairs Casey Cook**. “On behalf of the League and its legislative team, we’re proud to recognize each of them and thank them for their service.”

Home Rule is the ability for a city to address local problems with local solutions with minimal state interference. 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 on an issue.

“To whom much is given, much is required,” is a proverb that I have modeled my life after. As a servant leader, I understand the purpose of reaching forward and giving back. Through my education and professional endeavors, I have been afforded opportunities to explore the world and my career field. Each opportunity has allowed me to ascend to another level through interactions, experience, and intellect. Each mode of service in my life opens the door for growth; that allows me to positively impact lives.

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, which are formed and governed by their citizens. The League believes in “Local Voices Making Local Choices,” which focuses on the impact citizens and city leaders have in improving Florida’s communities. For more information, visit flcities.com.