# **2025** Distinguished Advocate Awards



## Senate



Senator Alexis Calatayud championed legislation to increase access to early learning by expanding eligibility for the School Readiness Program, and promoted affordable workforce housing initiatives by strengthening the Live Local Act and limiting local regulations that would restrict the development of attainable workforce housing.

Senate President Ben Albritton

consumers.

advanced Florida's competitiveness

through his leadership in blocking

legislation that would have unwound successful lawsuit abuse reforms that have improved Florida's legal climate for local businesses, families and



Senator Erin Grall fought to protect Florida's Constitution, a long-standing priority of the Florida Chamber, ensuring the integrity of the state's foundational document and protecting against fraud and abuse from out-of-state and special interests.



Senator Stan McClain led the effort to streamline the bureaucratic process associated with zoning and development applications, which will support economic growth and the supply of housing for Florida's growing population.



Senator Nick DiCeglie advocated for a statewide structured and performancebased funding framework for Florida's apprenticeship ecosystem by tying funding to participation, performance. and high-demand occupations to build a competitive workforce through work-based learning.

Senator Kathleen Passidomo worked tirelessly to ensure Florida did not revert to failed policies that fueled frivolous litigation and gaming of the system by billboard trial lawyers at the expense of Florida local businesses, families and consumers.

The Florida Chamber's Distinguished Advocate Award recognizes legislators who have championed key Florida Business Agenda legislation. The award is designed to acknowledge legislators who ensured consideration of the business community's legislative priorities and who fought tirelessly for the passage of specific pro-jobs legislation.



Senator Don Gaetz fought to protect Florida's Constitution, a long-standing priority of the Florida Chamber, ensuring the integrity of Florida's foundational document and protecting against fraud and abuse from out-of-state and special

# **House of Representatives**



# Representative Wyman Duggan

advocated for the elimination of the Florida-only Business Rent Tax–estimated to save local businesses approximately \$3 billion annually-allowing local businesses to reinvest in their business, employees, and local communities.





Representative Vicki Lopez promoted affordable workforce housing initiatives by strengthening the Live Local Act and limiting local regulations that would restrict the development of attainable workforce housing.



### **Representative Lauren Melo**

advocated for a statewide structured and performance-based funding framework for Florida's apprenticeship ecosystem by tying funding to participation, performance, and high-demand occupations to build a competitive workforce through work-based learning.



**Representative Toby Overdorf** led the effort to streamline the

bureaucratic process associated with zoning and development applications which will support economic growth and the supply of housing for Florida's growing population.



**Representative Jenna Persons-Mulicka** spearheaded efforts to increase transparency and accountability in Florida's paid petition process, safeguarding the state's Constitution from out-of-state and special interests seeking to circumvent the legislative process or exploit it for political gain.



### **Representative Chase Tramont**

championed Florida's youngest students and their pathway to prosperity though enhanced kindergarten readiness with legislation to increase access to early learning by expanding eligibility for the School Readiness Program.