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2006 Elected Officials Reception and Regional Leadership Awards Ceremony Blends Networking with Recognition of Outstanding Accomplishments

For the past six years the Northeast Florida Regional Council has taken great pleasure in hosting a reception for elected officials and friends to enjoy an evening of good food, fellowship and conversation which fosters the growing sense of regionalism and regional cooperation that exists in Northeast Florida. 2006 marked the fourth year the reception was coupled with Council's Regional Leadership Awards Ceremony.

The Awards Program was designed to recognize Regional Excellence in a variety of critical arenas essential to positioning our Regional Community as a model of cooperation and coordination. The outstanding nominations submitted again reflected the diversity of programs and projects, the quality of these efforts and the leadership demonstrated by the nominees.

Eric Smith, Director of the Florida Coastal School of Law Center for Law and Public Policy, served as the emcee for the festivities and was lauded for his exceptional timing, articulation and wit. The evening was underwritten by a plethora of generous sponsors from the public, private and educational sectors. The event was a glowing example of all that makes the Northeast Florida region shine.

The awards were presented by the Regional Council Chief Executive Officer Brian Teeple. The awards and their recipients, (which are pictured on the back of this page) were as follows: 1) 2006 Harry Waldron Regional Leadership Award, Linda Myers; 2) 2006 Quality of Life Award, Boys and Girls Clubs of Nassau County Foundation, Inc., accepted by Foundation President Patrick Sabadie; 3) 2006 Regional Award for Excellence in Affordable Housing Karen Stern; 4) 2006 Regional Award for Excellence in Transportation Pat McGovern; 5) 2006 Regional Award for Excellence in Environmental Stewardship, Neil Armingeon; 6) 2006 Regional Award for Excellence in Education Dr. Edyth Abdullah; 7) 2006 Regional Award for Excellence in Planning and Growth Management Bob Rhodes; 8) 2006 Regional Award for Excellence in Economic Development and Tourism Jacksonville Port Authority, accepted by Deputy Executive Director Ron Baker; and 9) 2006 Regional Award for Excellence in Public Safety Major Larry Beaton and Captain Randy Kerr, Interoperational Communication Committee of the RDSTF.

The recognition program continues to be anchored by the Harry Waldron Regional Leadership Award, named after former three-time Chairman of the Regional Council, Harry Waldron. Mr. Waldron was the recipient of the inaugural edition of this award in recognition of his lifetime of service to the ideals of getting along with your neighbors. Pictured above is the 2006 recipient of the Harry Waldron Regional Leadership Award, Linda Myers, with the Award's namesake.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE 2006 NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNERS



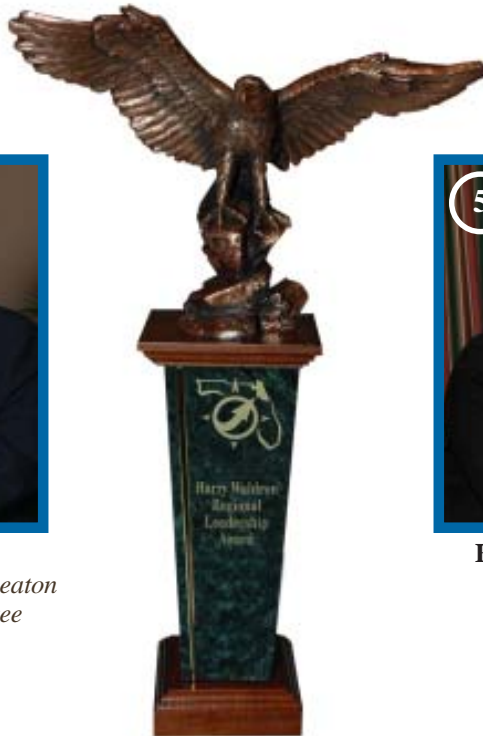
Regional Quality of Life Award
Boys and Girls Clubs of Nassau County Foundation, Inc.
 (Pictured, Patrick Sabadie; Foundation President)



Excellence in Affordable Housing
Karen R. Stern



Excellence in Transportation
Pat McGovern



Excellence in Public Safety
Captain Randy Kerr (left) and Major Larry Beaton
Interoperational Communication Committee of the RDSTF



Excellence in Environmental Stewardship
Neil Armingeon



Excellence in Economic Development/ Tourism
JAXPORT
 (Pictured, CFO Ron Baker)



Excellence in Growth Management
Bob Rhodes



Excellence in Education
Dr. Edyth Abdullah