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### ***HOME RULE HERO AWARDS***

Sarasota, FL: – The ManaSota League of Cities is pleased to announce that four elected officials from its member municipalities have been selected by the Florida League of Cities to receive the ***Home Rule HERO Award*** in recognition of their outstanding advocacy for the protection of home rule rights for their cities' constituents and municipal citizens throughout the State of Florida. The recipients are:

City of Sarasota Mayor Willie Charles Shaw  
North Port Mayor Rhonda DiFranco  
North Port Commissioner Linda Yates  
Holmes Beach Commissioner Jean Peelen  
Bradenton Councilman Patrick Roff

Representative Greg Steube, 73rd District, Florida House of Representatives, was also recognized as a ***Home Rule HERO*** as a legislator from the ManaSota delegation.

"(Their) advocacy for municipal home rule during the 2015 Legislative Session and beyond is an inspiration and model for municipal officials statewide. (Such) efforts are critical to the League's grassroots advocacy," wrote C. Scott Dudley, Legislative Director for The Florida League of Cities.

The ManaSota League of Cities is comprised of nine municipalities in Manatee and Sarasota Counties: Anna Maria, Bradenton, Bradenton Beach, Holmes Beach, Longboat Key, North Port, Palmetto, Sarasota, and Venice. Its core purpose is to act as an advocate for local government concerning legislative issues.

The presentation will be made by the Florida League of Cities at the Regular Meeting of the ManaSota League of Cities scheduled at 9:30 a.m., July 9, 2015, in the Sarasota City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 1565 First Street, Sarasota, Florida 34236.

For more information concerning the ***Home Rule HERO Award***, contact Holly McPhail at 850-510-4377 or hmcphail@flcities.com.