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FLORIDA'S FIRST AMENDMENT FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES WINNER OF THE 2012 PETE WEITZEL/FRIEND OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

The First Amendment Foundation is pleased to announce it has awarded Senator Mike Fasano, R-New Port Richey, the **2012 Pete Weitzel/Friend of the First Amendment Award**. The nomination for the award was based on actions taken by Senator Fasano during the 2012 legislative session that ensured that the people's interests were represented in the Florida Senate and that the legislative process remained open and accessible to its people. By those actions, Senator Fasano has set a standard all those in government should emulate.

The award will be presented at the Foundation's annual Sunshine Recognition luncheon on Thursday, March 14, 2013, at the Governor's Club in Tallahassee during Florida's annual Sunshine Week celebrations. A letter informing Senator Fasano of the award has been sent to the Senator's district office.

The Pete Weitzel/Friend of the First Amendment Award was created in 1995 to recognize the significant contribution made by Pete Weitzel, former managing editor of *The Miami Herald*, and founder and past president of the First Amendment Foundation, in the area of open government. The Award is given annually to someone in Florida who has made a significant contribution to the cause of furthering open government.

Past recipients of the award can be found on the Foundation's website, www.floridafaf.org.

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