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Senator Posey Receives “Lifetime Achievement” Award from Police

(Tallahassee, FL) -- Representatives of area law enforcement gathered today to honor State Senator Bill Posey for his many years of service fighting for public safety. The Florida Police Benevolent Association, representing over 36,000 sworn law enforcement officers across the state, presented Mr. Posey with the first ever PBA “Lifetime Achievement Award” for his untiring efforts in support of police, corrections and probation officers.

“Few public figures can match the energy and dedication of Bill Posey when it comes to fighting for law enforcement officers and their families,” said Coastal Florida PBA President Vince Champion. “Bill Posey was always there to protect us and our families while we protected the public. We owe him a deep debt of gratitude.”

The tribute began at an appropriate venue, the James Weaver Memorial Park in Rockledge, Mr. Posey’s home base having begun his political service as a local city commissioner. The park was named in honor of Deputy James Weaver, an Orange County Deputy Sheriff killed in action and a personal friend of the Posey family. As a State Senator, Bill Posey sponsored and passed the James Weaver Act that doubled the death benefit for officers killed while conducting traffic stops and the legislation also extended health insurance coverage for survivors.

“This is typical Bill Posey, taking a tragedy and making something positive happen for the families of officers in the future,” said PBA’s Vince Champion. “When Bill Posey sees a need, he fills it, no matter how long the journey may be.”

Besides the Weaver Act, Senator Posey was a vocal supporter of increased retirement and health benefits for officers and he actively championed PBA causes while serving in both the Florida House and Senate.

“We will miss Bill Posey’s leadership in our state capitol and wish him the very best,” said Champion. “He has earned our trust, respect and gratitude.”

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