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FAC honors Levy County Commission Chairman John Meeks with its most prestigious award



John Meeks holds the Marlene Young Presidential Advocacy Award as his wife Stephanie Nettles Meeks stands by his side.

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ORANGE COUNTY – The Florida Association of Counties (FAC) presented Levy County Commission Chairman John Meeks with the Marlene Young Presidential Advocacy Award during the 2018 FAC Annual Conference and Exposition, which was held in the Hyatt Regency Orlando from June 26 to June 29.

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Levy County Commission Chairman Meeks earned the Marlene Young Presidential Advocacy Award for his commitment to protect home rule and serve Florida's counties as a leader and advocate during the 2018 Legislative Session.

"It is an honor and privilege to represent not only the citizens of Levy County, but of the entire State of Florida," Meeks said.

The Marlene Young Presidential Advocacy Award is presented to that county elected official who has shown extraordinary leadership and commitment to the mission of the FAC.

Since his election to the Levy County Board of County Commissioners, Meeks has been dedicated to improving and maintaining a high quality of life for all Floridians. While serving on multiple policy committees, Commissioner Meeks has been a leader in the Association.

"FAC and Levy County are privileged to have Commissioner John Meeks, a dedicated leader," FAC President and Charlotte County Commissioner Christopher Constance said. "During Legislative Session, he was someone the Association could rely on no matter what the circumstances. His presence in Tallahassee undoubtedly helped influence and strengthen public policy."

The Marlene Young Presidential Advocacy Award is named after the late Marlene Young who served as a County Commissioner in Polk County from 1988-2000. During her public service in Polk County, Commissioner Young was very active in the FAC and served as its president from 1993-1994.

Founded in 1929, the Florida Association of Counties has represented the diverse interests of Florida's counties, emphasizing the importance of protecting home rule – the concept that communities and their local leaders should make the decisions that impact their community.

The FAC helps counties effectively serve and represent Floridians by strengthening and preserving county home rule through advocacy, education and collaboration.