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Vice Mayor Joanne Ribble Honored with 2023 Home Rule Hero Award

Joanne Ribble official recognized for advocacy efforts during the 2023 Legislative Session

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Village of Estero, FL – The **Florida League of Cities (FLC)**, the united voice for Florida’s municipal governments, recently recognized Village of Estero, Vice Mayor Joanne Ribble with a 2023 Home Rule Hero Award for their hard work and advocacy efforts during the 2023 Legislative Session. Ribble worked tirelessly throughout session to promote local voices making local choices, protect the Home Rule powers of Florida’s municipalities and advance the League’s legislative agenda.

“The League and its legislative team appreciate the individual advocacy efforts undertaken by municipal officials throughout the state,” said **FLC Chief of Legislative Affairs Casey Cook**. “Home Rule Heroes are some of our biggest advocates for protecting local decision-making. They are League members who stand out for their high level of participation, knowledge, and effectiveness. This year’s Home Rule Heroes continuously advocated for their communities throughout the 2023 Legislative Session.”

Home Rule is the ability for a city to address local problems with local solutions with minimal state interference. Home Rule Hero Award recipients are local government officials, both elected and nonelected, who consistently responded to the League’s request to reach out to members of the Legislature and help give a local perspective on an issue.

Vice Mayor Ribble has been a resident of The Colony in Pelican Landing since April 2007. She has served as co-chair of the Pelican Landing Unit Owners Committee, served on the Pelican Landing Board of Directors, and was appointed President. In the Colony she served on the Colony Design Review and Standards Committee, Colony Resident Committee and is currently Vice-President of the Colony Foundation Board of Directors.

Her philanthropic experience includes: Ambassador of the Kutztown University Capital Campaign, co-chair of the Children’s Hospital Golf Outing at The Colony in Pelican Landing and member of the Estero Forever Foundation.

Ribble is a graduate of Kutztown University with a BS degree in Spanish. She retired from a 30-year career as an educator. She and husband Bill have two daughters.

Term: 2021-2025

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Founded in 1922, the Florida League of Cities is the united voice for Florida's municipal governments. Its goals are to promote local self-government and serve the needs of Florida's cities, which are formed and governed by their citizens. The League believes in "Local Voices Making Local Choices," which focuses on the impact citizens and city leaders have in improving Florida's communities. For more information, visit flcities.com.