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## **CPA MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA HOUSE AWARDED FOR SERVICE**

**ORLANDO** – Jeff Barbacci, CPA and Chair of the Florida Institute of CPAs recently awarded four CPAs serving in the Florida House of Representatives with the FICPA Chairman’s Special Service Award. Recipients include Rep. Michael Bileca, R-Miami; Rep. Dan Raulerson, R-Plant City; Rep. David Richardson, D-Miami Beach; and Rep. Cyndi Stevenson, R-Ponte Vedra. The Representatives received the award in recognition of their work on behalf of Floridians during the 2015 Legislative Session.

For the first time in Florida’s history, there are four CPAs serving in the House of Representatives. These CPAs are using their accounting knowledge to promote fiscal transparency, support anti-fraud measures and fight government waste. Additionally, Reps. Bileca, Raulerson, Richardson and Stevenson co-sponsored legislation clarifying the conditions under which businesses must be licensed as CPA firms (HB 373). Gov. Scott signed the measure into law June 16.

“I applaud the efforts and results achieved by Reps. Bileca, Raulerson, Richardson and Stevenson during the 2015 Legislative Session,” said FICPA President/CEO Deborah Curry, CPA, CGMA. “All four exemplify the qualities that make CPAs ideal public servants.” In presenting the awards, Chair Jeff Barbacci, CPA said, “These CPAs represent our state with integrity. We are proud of their accomplishments on behalf of Floridians and the CPA profession.”

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High resolution award photo [available here](#).

### **About the FICPA**

Founded in 1905, the Florida Institute of CPAs is a Tallahassee-based, statewide, professional association representing member-CPAs throughout Florida. With a membership of more than 18,000 CPAs, the Institute’s mission is to serve the diverse needs of its members; enhance their competency and professionalism; support professional standards; promote the value of our members; and advocate on behalf of the profession. For complete information about the FICPA, visit [www.ficpa.org](http://www.ficpa.org).