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## **REP. RICHARDSON AMONG CPAs IN FLORIDA HOUSE AWARDED FOR SERVICE**

**ORLANDO** – Jeff Barbacci, CPA and Chair of the Florida Institute of CPAs recently awarded Rep. David Richardson, D-Miami and three other CPAs serving in the Florida House of Representatives the FICPA Chairman’s Special Service Award. In addition to Rep. Richardson, honorees include Rep. Michael Bileca, R-Miami; Rep. Dan Raulerson, R-Plant City; and Rep. Cyndi Stevenson, R-Ponte Vedra. Rep. Richardson and his colleagues 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. Richardson, Bileca, Raulerson, 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. Richardson, Bileca, Raulerson, 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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### **About the FICPA**

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