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TOURISM HONORS SENATOR ALTMAN & REPRESENTATIVE CRISAFULLI FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

ORLANDO, FL (April 16, 2012): The Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association (CFHLA) is proud to honor **State Senator for District 24, Thad Altman** and **State Representative for District 32, Steve Crisafulli** with the '2011 CFHLA Public Servant of the Year Award.' This annual award recognizes elected leaders who have shown dedication to the advancement of the Central Florida tourism and hospitality industry.



Thad Altman, State Senate – District 24

Since he was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2003, and elected subsequently to the Florida Senate in 2008, Senator Altman has continued to serve as a resilient advocate of the hospitality industry. Senator Altman, a hotelier himself, understands the importance of preserving the integrity of the tourist development tax and remains active in the Brevard Tourist Development Council. In 2011, Senator Altman sponsored and successfully strengthened the **Tourist Safety Act**, providing law enforcement with additional tools to keep visitors safe.



Steve Crisafulli, State Representative – District 32

First elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2008 - to represent portions of Orange and Brevard Counties - Representative Crisafulli fully understands the impact of tourism on Central Florida's economy. Throughout his four years of public service, Representative Crisafulli has distinguished himself as a champion of the hospitality industry. Recently, Representative Crisafulli sponsored the **Tourist Safety Act of 2011** and was instrumental in its final passage in the Florida House of Representatives.

This award will be officially presented at the CFHLA Educational Programs Luncheon on Thursday, May 3, 12 Noon – 1:30pm at the Renaissance Orlando Hotel at SeaWorld. Over 400 industry professionals and community leaders are expected to attend.

CFHLA Congratulates Senator Altman and Representative Crisafulli for continuing to advance the tourism and hospitality industry through their leadership in the State Legislature.

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