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### **Duplessis Receives “Legislator of the Year” Award from Alliance for Good Government and Fraternal Order of Police**

Awards acknowledge Senator Duplessis’ work on Assessor Consolidation for the citizens of Orleans Parish and protection of Police Officer’s Bill of Rights

New Orleans – The Alliance for Good Government presented its “Legislator of the Year” award to State Senator Ann Duplessis at their annual awards banquet on Saturday, August 12, 2006.

Duplessis was recognized for her work in authoring and passing a bill that consolidated the office of the Orleans Parish assessors. The passage of this legislation is extremely important to voters because it will allow for the redirection of city funds. These funds help finance police, firefighters, garbage pickup and other essential city services necessary for the recovery of the City of New Orleans.

“I am honored to receive this award,” said Duplessis. “A single assessor system is the first step towards a transparent and responsive government”. Post Katrina it is critical that City funds are used as efficiently as possible. The one assessor system allows for the uniformity of property assessments that will ensure the proper collection of the funding needed to rebuild our City.”

Companion legislation, SB141, was also introduced to allow the voters to decide on whether or not to implement the assessor consolidation. Duplessis will continue to work to educate citizens on the benefit of this legislation. The item will appear on the ballot this November.

Senator Duplessis was also honored by the Fraternal Order of Police as “Legislator of the Year” for her efforts in defeating HB 169. If passed, the legislation would have extended the time limit on police investigations. The extension would have been given without oversight by the civil service commission or any other method of checks and balances.

“It is such a pleasure to see such a strong and active Senator that is not afraid to address controversial bills and issues”, says Sgt. Donovan Livaccari, Fraternal Order of Police. “She is a shining star.”

This was the first time Senator Duplessis has been honored with the “Legislator of the Year” award from the Alliance for Good Government and Fraternal Order of Police.

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