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**Commissioner Dave Parisot Receives Triple Accolades at FAC Conference  
*Parisot selected for FAC Board of Directors, Presidential Advocacy Award & receives County Commissioner Certification***

Okaloosa County Commissioner Dave Parisot was recognized at the June annual conference of the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) in multiple ways at in Orlando. He was awarded the 2012 Presidential Advocate Award on June 20th. The letter from FAC President Doug Smith, a Martin County Commissioner reads, "We are honored to recognize you for your strong commitment to address important county issues. Your commitment to improve and maintain a high quality of life for all Floridians and your support for the county perspective during debates is especially recognized." "Commissioner Parisot was an invaluable asset to FAC and our mission to preserve and protect home rule," stated FAC Executive Director Chris Holley.

Also on that day, Commissioner Parisot received his Certified County Commissioner (CCC) certificate. From January to November of 2011, Dave completed 57 course credits, 15 credits above the minimum required 45 credits. The CCC program covers subjects appropriate to the county commission job, e.g., growth management, county finance, ethics, sunshine and public records laws, economic development, and human resources, to name a few. Commissioner Parisot took some of his courses by webinars to reduce costs.

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, Commissioner Parisot was unanimously elected to the FAC Board of Directors for Senate District 2 which includes Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Washington and Holmes counties. As a board member, he will work with the FAC executive staff to help guide FAC policies and legislative issues throughout the next two years. "It is an honor to be selected for the Presidential Advocacy Award, as well as being selected by fellow county commissioners to sit on the FAC Board of Directors," Parisot stated. "I look forward to continue working on issues important to Northwest Florida, and am committed to ensuring implementation of the recently passed RESTORE Act and Okaloosa County projects with NRDA funding to improve our economy and environment following the DeepWater Horizon Oil Spill."

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