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## **Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County announces finalists for the Pete Hegener Leadership Award to be presented at 6th Annual Leadership Dinner**

**Port St. Lucie/April 3, 2018** - The EDC is pleased to announce Mike Brown Sr., Harbor Community Bank; Kathryn Hensley, School Board of St. Lucie County; and Ken Pruitt, former president of the Florida Senate, have been selected as finalists for the prestigious Pete Hegener Leadership Award.

The award is presented to a dedicated organization or business leader who has significantly contributed to St. Lucie County's economy and quality of life.

The winner will be recognized at the EDC's 6th Annual Leadership Dinner, sponsored by Florida Power & Light, on April 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Harbour Ridge Yacht & Country Club.

Sherwood "Buddy" Johnson of Sherwood Johnson & Son Grove Management, Hilliard Groves and Buck Hammock Groves and Wes McCurry of Tradition Land Company were selected as semi-finalists. Other nominees included Judith Cruz, Treasure Coast Food Bank; Robert Gluckman, Treasure Coast Urgent & Family Care; PGA of America/PGA Golf Club; Kathy Post, Post Insurance & Financial; and Tammy Roncaglione, CenterState Bank.

For information on tickets to the 2018 Leadership Dinner, contact Candy Marlow at 772.336.6252 or visit [www.youredc.com](http://www.youredc.com).

### **About the award**

The recipient of the Pete Hegener Leadership Award exemplifies the qualities of a visionary, a trusted role model and leader whose inspiration and achievements impact the quality of job creation, economic vitality and small business growth.

Pete Hegener, the man whose actions inspired this award, was a founding member and integral partner of the EDC, served on its Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Pete was a pillar of the St. Lucie

County community, having played a key role in the development of western Port St. Lucie and what is now Tradition. Friends and colleagues described him as “honest, visionary, and caring.” He passed away in March 2012, but his legacy is fondly remembered and recognized through this award.

**About the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County**

The EDC is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting economic vitality in St. Lucie County through the attraction, retention and expansion of businesses in the community. The EDC works in partnership with local governments and the private sector to advance its goals of creating more and better-paying jobs for residents, broadening the tax base and improving St. Lucie County’s economic quality of life. Contact the EDC at 772.336.6250, [contact@youredc.com](mailto:contact@youredc.com) or [www.youredc.com](http://www.youredc.com).