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PETER ROBINSON EARNS THE CAROLYN K. EGGERT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Vero Beach, FL...The Indian River County Chamber of Commerce recognized Peter Robinson of the Laurel Agency with the annual Carolyn K. Eggert Economic Development Award. This award is given to an individual who, through their leadership and commitment, has helped to create and maintain quality, year round jobs for the residents of Indian River County.

The award was established in 1999 in memory of Carolyn K. Eggert. Carolyn was a community leader who served on the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners where she was a staunch supporter of economic diversification and job creation.

"Peter is a strong advocate of the Chamber's economic development activities, and understands the benefits that good jobs bring to our community and to the county's tax base" said Helene Caseltine, Economic Development Director for the Chamber. "He provides our office with potential leads for businesses that are considering an expansion or relocation. He shares information on economic development programs and initiatives from around the country to see how we might compliment or improve upon what we already have in place."

In 1992, Peter was President of the Chamber's Council of 100, the early pre-curser to our Economic Leadership Alliance. He served on the County's Economic Development Council when Commissioner Carolyn Eggert was in office. He served as Vice Chair of the Economic Development Council from 2006 to 2008, and as its Chairman from 2015 to 2017. Through the Laurel Agency, he and his wife Debb, are current Economic Leadership Alliance investors.

Chamber President Penny Chandler said "Peter is a great example of the leadership and commitment demonstrated by the late Commissioner Eggert to create and maintain quality, year round jobs for the residents of Indian River County."

The <u>Indian River County Chamber of Commerce</u> is a business organization located in Vero Beach, Florida and serves as the primary organization for economic development and tourism marketing and promotion. The Chamber provides services, benefits and leadership for positive growth and change. For more information about the Chamber visit the website at www.indianriverchamber.com or call 772-567-3491.