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St. Augustine, Fla. - The Florida Association of Crime Stoppers (FACS) has invited **Representative Kevin Chambliss (D-Homestead)** for a special acknowledgement of his sponsorship, **HB 363**, The Crime Stoppers Bill, which will become law effective October 1, 2021. This law provides additional protection for the information provided by tipsters to Crime Stoppers and further clarifies the role of Crime Stoppers staff and volunteers.

Executive Director of Crime Stoppers in Miami-Dade and The Florida Keys Suzette Rice said, "Any legislation that furthers the mission of Crime Stoppers and further enhances the community's confidence in the anonymity of the information shared is greatly appreciated. Representative Chambliss stepping up to acknowledge the community's desire for safe reporting of crime, coupled with the efforts of co-sponsor Senator Bean, as well as many other Legislators, resulted in a positive outcome for both the community and the Crime Stoppers organizations state-wide. His commitment to public safety is outstanding."

The acknowledgement reads, "In recognition of your dedication and service to the people of Florida and to FACS and its member programs, thank you for being a champion of Crime Stoppers in the Florida House of Representatives and for sponsoring HB 363. We appreciate your leadership and support for this critical legislation."

Dorothy Williams, a resident of Representative Chambliss's district wrote, "I want to thank Representative Chambliss for passing the Crime Stopper Bill in memory of Carnell Williams-Thomas. It means a lot to me that my son Carnell played a role in helping to get the Crime Stoppers Bill pass. I hope it will help more people come forward and solve many more cases (see something, say something). Also, congratulations on receiving an award from Crime Stoppers for passing the Crime Stoppers Bill."

Representative Chambliss, upon receiving the award, said, “On behalf of all the mothers who have lost children to gun violence and the countless families who have been victimized by violence and other crimes in our community, I am sincerely honored to receive this award. This new law provides more protection to those good Samaritans who are apprehensive about calling in crime-related tips. I receive this award in honor of mothers like Ms. Dorothy Williams whose 2-year-old son’s murderer has yet to be brought to justice. We all agree that the Crime Stoppers organization plays a vital role in bringing justice to these families. To be acknowledged for my work on HB 363, a bill I filed, passed, and have seen become law, on their behalf as a freshman Representative, has truly been the honor of my life.”



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