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**STATE REPRESENTATIVE DOUG HOLDER TO PARTICIPATE IN 'A+' CELEBRATION
AT THE STUDENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY IN VENICE ON NOV. 16TH**

School to receive check for more than \$22,000 in school recognition funds

Sarasota County, FL – Students at The Student Leadership Academy of Venice will hold a special A+ celebration on the morning of Friday, November 16. Joined by parents and faculty, State Representative Doug Holder will present students and their principal, Vickie Marble, with a special A+ flag and a check for more than \$22,000 -- thanks to the state's School Recognition Program.

For two consecutive years, The Student Leadership Academy of Venice has earned an 'A' on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test.

For more than ten years, public charter schools have been a vital, thriving component of Florida's K-12 public education system – now serving close to 100,000 K - 12th grade students in more than 350 charter schools. Charter schools are public schools that are operated by individuals or groups under contract with their sponsor – either a local public school district or the state's Florida Schools of Excellence commission. They are required to participate in federal and state accountability programs, such as FCAT and No Child Left Behind, are staffed with state-certified teachers and are held strictly accountable for both academic and financial performance, and charter schools give parents an opportunity to be involved decision-makers in their children's education.

WHO: State Representative Doug Holder
Students & faculty at Student Leadership Academy of Venice

WHAT: A+ celebration

WHEN: Friday, November 16
9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Student Leadership Academy of Venice
200 Field Avenue East
Venice, FL

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