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TALLAHASSEE BANKER NAMED 2006 HORIZON AWARD WINNER
*~SunTrust Banks, Inc. Senior Vice President of Government Relations Tom Pennekamp
Receives Industry Award for Commitment to Banking~*

Tallahassee – The Florida Bankers Association (FBA) has announced SunTrust Banks, Inc. Senior Vice President of Government Relations Tom Pennekamp was recently honored with the 2006 Horizon Award. Pennekamp accepted the honor at the FBA's Annual Convention in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Horizon Award recipient is selected annually by the FBA Chairman to honor the banker's outstanding dedication to the FBA and the goals and objectives set forth by the association. The winner is recognized as a banker who has selflessly given above and beyond the expectations of others, bringing new horizons of achievement to the association. For "soaring" above expectations, the Horizon Award winner is presented with a golden eagle trophy.

"Tom's hard work and dedication to the banking industry is evident in everything he does," said FBA Immediate-Past Chairman Jerry Williams, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Orion Bank of Naples. "As long as he remains an FBA member, our industry and association will continue to benefit from his contributions."

Pennekamp serves on the FBA's Government Relations Council (GRC) and is immediate-past chairman of the FBA Political Action Committee (BankPAC). Through these positions, Pennekamp is very involved in the association's efforts to inform elected officials, regulators and policy-makers about the needs and concerns of Florida's banking industry.

In addition to his work with the FBA, Pennekamp serves on the Board of Directors of the Florida Chamber of Commerce and is chair of the Chamber's Political Institute and Political Action Council and member of the Legislative Policy Council.

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Pennekamp is also active in his community, having served as president of the Woodland Hall Academy, chairman of the Communities in Schools of Leon County and president of the Friends of Florida State Parks.

“The FBA is an outstanding association comprised of many talented and dedicated bankers,” said Pennekamp. “To be selected for an award from such a great group of peers is humbling and makes this honor even more special.”

SunTrust Banks, Inc., headquartered in Atlanta, Ga., is one of the nation’s largest banking organizations, holding total assets of \$178.9 billion dollars as of March 31, 2006.

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