Congressman granted authority to argue in front of nation's highest court

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Washington, D.C. - Today, Congressman Gus M. Bilirakis (R-Palm Harbor) was sworn in as a member of the United States Supreme Court Bar, giving him the authority to argue cases before our nation's highest court. To qualify for admittance, applicants must be members in good standing in the highest court of a State, Commonwealth, Territory or Possession, or the District of Columbia for a period of at least three years. They also must be nominated by a member of the United States Supreme Court Bar and be judged by the Court to be of good moral and professional character.

"I am deeply humbled to have this great honor bestowed upon me," said Bilirakis. "Law is the foundation on which this great nation was built. To have the authority to argue in front of our highest court is truly the culmination of my legal career."

Below is the oath Congressman Bilirakis took while being sworn into the United States Supreme Court Bar:

"I, Gus Bilirakis, do solemnly swear that as an attorney and as a counselor of this Court, I will conduct myself uprightly and according to law, and that I will support the Constitution of the United States."

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