

## Gus Bilirakis Takes Congressional Oath-of-Office

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"I am honored and humbled that the residents of Florida's Ninth District have entrusted me with the responsibility and honor of representing them in the 110th Congress," Bilirakis said. "I look forward to listening and working with my constituents to ensure they are best represented in Congress."

Bilirakis initially plans to focus on making homeowners insurance more affordable, increasing access to healthcare, and protecting Veterans' benefits. He has requested seats on the House Committee of Veterans' Affairs, Financial Services, Homeland Security, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Foreign Affairs. The House Republican Leadership is expected to determine his committee assignments in the near future.

Bilirakis has been selected to serve as an Assistant Whip by House Minority Whip Rep. Roy Blunt. One of his duties as Assistant Whip will include finding the necessary votes to advance the Republican agenda in the House. Blunt said, "This job will give Florida's Ninth District a bigger voice in the decision-making process in the House."

Additionally, Bilirakis has been named a co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues, whose purpose is to strengthen the relationship between the United States and Greece by fostering a greater understanding of issues of mutual importance.

Bilirakis is replacing his father, Michael, who served Florida's Ninth District for the past 24 years. Rep. Gus Bilirakis has established two local offices to serve residents of the Ninth District. The contact information for those and his Washington, D.C. office can be found below.

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