



## Final Session Recap of 2024!

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Dear Constituent,

I am so pleased to say that as Session has come to a close, I am so proud of all the hard work we were able to accomplish. It is always such a pleasure to serve the state of Florida and to be in this legislative process. I truly enjoy being able to represent my hometown in Tallahassee and fighting for all the people in District 46!

Now, let's get into it!



This has been an incredibly productive Session! Four of the bills I sponsored this Session passed the Florida Legislature!

[HB 59 - Provision Of Homeowners' Association Rules and Covenants](#) passed unanimously! I want to express my gratitude to Senator Linda Stewart (D-Orlando) for not only sponsoring the Senate version of the bill ([SB 50](#)), but for bringing me onto this legislation on the ground floor. This bill is so important to District 46, as residents of predatory HOAs deserve to know the rules in the community in which they live.

- This legislation would require homeowners' associations (HOAs) to provide copies of association rules and covenants to every member and to every new member thereafter. It aims to keep residents updated and informed on the rules and covenants of their HOAs, whether they have just moved in or a rule has changed.

[HB 1161 - Verification of Eligibility for Homestead Exemption](#) passed unanimously! This legislation is not only incredibly important for our veterans and their surviving spouses, but is incredibly important to me. Working alongside Senator Tina Polsky (D-Boca Raton), who sponsored the Senate counterpart ([CS/CS/SB 172](#)), I am so proud we will be able to help our veterans. We also were able to bring Representative Tom Keen (D-Orlando) on as a Prime Co-Sponsor! Our veterans have done so much for our communities and our country, so it is only right we help them in any way we can.

- The legislation proposes an administrative timing change that would allow for 100-percent fully disabled veteran or a surviving spouse to have tentative verification of

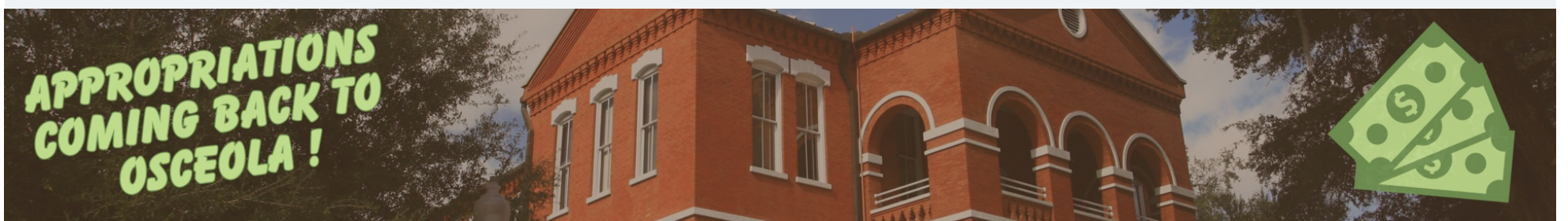
eligibility, through a county property appraiser, before closing so that mortgage underwriters do not have to count these taxes against them when qualifying. This bill would greatly benefit our deserving veterans and surviving spouses at zero cost to the state.

[CS/HB 103 - Pub. Rec./County and City Attorneys](#) passed the Florida Legislature! I am so proud that this legislation will assist all of our hardworking county and city attorneys. I especially want to thank Senator Bobby Powell (D-Palm Beach), who sponsored the Senate companion ([CS/SB 712](#)).

- This bill provides an exemption from public records requirements for the personal identifying and location information of current county attorneys, assistant county attorneys, deputy county attorneys, city attorneys, assistant city attorneys, and deputy city attorneys and the names and personal identifying and location information of the spouses and children of such attorneys.

[HB 7043 - OGSR/Agency Personnel Information](#) passed the Florida Legislature! It is my honor to have been able to sponsor multiple public records bills this year. The civil servants who qualify for this exemption often put themselves on the front lines in our communities. I am incredibly thankful to have our law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMTs, and other agency personnel serve on our front lines to keep us all safe and I hope this legislation can keep them safe.

- This bill saves from repeal the public records exemptions for certain agency personnel and their spouses and children. Individuals, to which the exemptions apply, include personnel whose jobs place them and their families in harm's way. Some of these jobs include, but are not limited to: law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMTs, prosecutors, and public defenders.



A lot of the appropriations projects that I sponsored are included in the budget that has passed the Florida Legislature!

#### Infrastructure

1. City of Kissimmee Thacker Avenue Roadway Improvement - **\$250,000**
2. Hope Partnership Attainable Housing Phase 1 - **\$500,000**

#### Agriculture and Water Projects

1. Kissimmee Bermuda Estates and Lyndell Neighborhood Flood Mitigation Project - **\$250,000**

#### Health Care

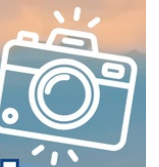
1. Long Term - Residential Level IV Substance Use Disorder Treatment Facility - **\$600,000**
2. The Transition House Homeless Veterans Program Osceola - **\$400,000**
3. Peer Respite Support Space: Preventing Mental Health Crisis and Suicide Risk - **\$136,000**

#### PreK-12

1. Explicit Instruction for Emergent Bilingual Students Osceola - **\$500,000**

\*Contingent on the Governor's approval\*

# SPECIAL GUESTS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND CONSTITUENTS!



Pleasure to see the Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association and Experience Kissimmee!



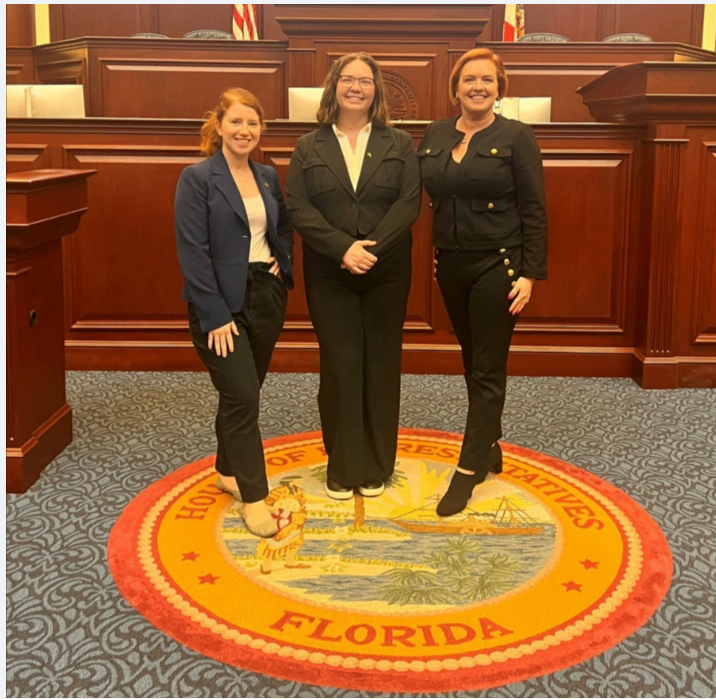
Always wonderful to hang out with my fellow Orlando members and Congressman Darren Soto (FL-09)!



So great to meet with Marcos Baez and the Building Officials Association of Florida - Osceola County Staff!



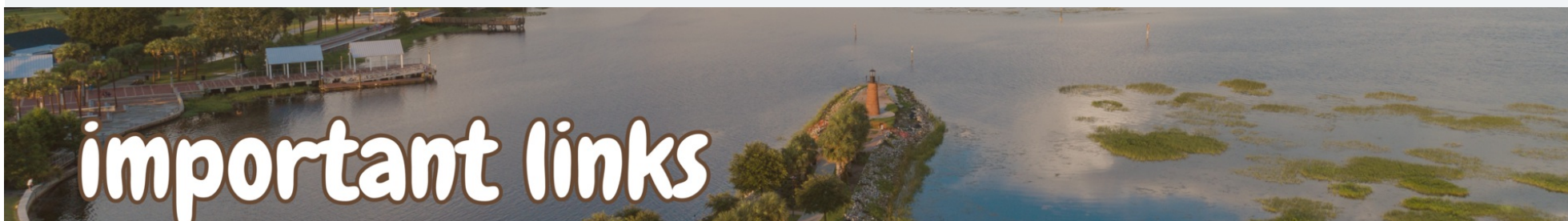
Lovely to speak with Special Olympic Athletes from St. Cloud High School



Your District 46 Team!



Meeting with the Alzheimer's Association was a great way to end my day! Such a lovely group of people fighting for a great cause!



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Thank you,

**Kristen Arrington**

