



# Florida House of Representatives

## Representative Michael Scionti

### District 58

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## **State Representative Michael Scionti Accepts Presidential Appointment as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense**

**TAMPA --** State Representative Michael Scionti will not seek reelection to a third term in the Florida House of Representatives for Legislative District 58 and announces that he has been appointed by President Barack Obama to serve as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Intergovernmental Affairs and Homeland Defense. Representative Scionti's resignation takes effect at midnight on December 13, 2009. Representative Scionti has requested that the Speaker of the House maintain the District 58 office, until such time that a special election can be held to finish the current term.

As a native of Tampa, Representative Scionti was first elected to the Florida House in 2006 and reelected without opposition to a second term in 2008. Representative Scionti proudly represents District 58, which encompasses historic West Tampa, as well as neighboring communities like Northeast MacFarlane, Riverside Heights, Seminole Heights, Wellswood, and unincorporated areas of Town & Country. "It has been a distinct privilege and honor to have served my community in the Florida Legislature, and I am grateful beyond words to all those who have entrusted me with their confidence and support."

"Over the course of my professional career, I have served the greater public fighting to protect the rights of others in and out of the courtroom, on and off the battlefield, and throughout the halls of the legislature. With the pride and honor that accompanies such service comes the duty and responsibility of representing the public's interest to the best of one's ability and in the most effective manner," said Representative Scionti. "As much as I have enjoyed serving as a forceful advocate in the Florida Legislature for small businesses, working families, and our children and seniors, I am now compelled to serve my Commander-in-Chief in the defense of our great nation." As an officer in the United States Army Reserve and combat veteran of both the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Representative Scionti said, "Our country has called upon my service and I will once again answer the call."

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