



Florida House of Representatives

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Biography

Representative Thad Altman has lived in east Central Florida for more than fifty years. He played baseball at the University of Houston, and later completed his undergraduate studies with a Bachelor of Science from Rollins College in 1987. Representative Altman and his wife Mary Pat have three children and live in Indialantic, Florida.

Representative Altman previously served in the Florida Senate from 2008-2016 and the Florida House of Representatives from 2003-2008. Although his tenure in the Florida Senate termed out two years early due to redistricting, Thad's passion to serve did not. In November 2016 and 2018, he was elected to serve District 52 in the Florida House of Representatives.

In February 2019, The Speaker of the House, José Oliva appointed Representative Altman to the Florida Defense Support Task Force. Representative Altman also serves on the following committees: Public Integrity and Ethics Committee, Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee, Education Committee, Higher Education Career Readiness Subcommittee, Insurance & Banking Subcommittee and the Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee.

He is a driving force for sound policies that help small businesses create long-term jobs for the Space Coast and throughout Florida. He is also a champion of the environment including support for the restoration and preservation of the Indian River Lagoon.

When serving in the Florida Senate, Representative Altman was appointed to the Senate Select Committee on the Indian River Lagoon and Lake Okeechobee Basin. He also secured funding for the restoration and preservation of the Indian River Lagoon, specifically in Brevard County.

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Additionally, he proposed unanimous juries for capitol offenses; he won the fight to prevent the Department of Children and Families from setting up a state registry of Florida gun owners; he fought for no texting and driving laws; and supported our U.S. Veterans. Representative Altman was also Chairman of the Senate Military Affairs and Domestic Security Committee and Vice Chairman of the Finance and Tax Budget Subcommittee. In addition, he served on the Higher Education Budget Subcommittee, Communication, Energy and Public Utilities Committee, Education Pre K - 12 Committee, Higher Education Committee, Reapportionment Committee, and Regulated Industries Committee.

During Thad's previous tenure as a State Representative, from 2003 to 2008, he represented District 30 as Chair of the Education Innovation and Cancer Preparation Committee, member of the Environmental Protection and Financial Institutions Committee. He was also appointed by the House Speaker to the boards of Space Florida and Workforce Florida. His efforts increased the availability of high-tech and aerospace jobs in Central Florida and equipped our schools to better prepare Florida children and assist military families.

As Brevard County Commissioner from 1984 to 1992, Thad's initiatives helped create the Brevard Zoo and bring the new VA clinic to Viera. These efforts brought new, permanent jobs to Brevard. He served in Brevard as Chairman of the County Commission, Chairman of the Tourist Development Commission and Chairman of the Regional Planning Commission.

A few of his many certificates and awards are listed below.

Honors & Awards

- Kennedy Space Center, Center Director Gold Star Award
- Brevard Community College, Distinguished Alumnus
- Rollins College, Distinguished Graduate
- Disabled American Veterans Outstanding Legislative Award
- Florida Wildlife Federation, 2009 Conservation Legislator of the Year
- Christian Coalition Faith and Family Award
- City of Palm Bay, Freshman Legislator of the Year
- Florida Association of Counties, County Champion
- Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida, All-Star
- Associated Industries of Florida, Champion for Business Award
- Manufacturing Association of Florida's Space Coast Manufacturing Champion Award

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