

## Press Releases by Date

### August 2007

- 08/14/07: Fla.  
Congressman Gus Bilirakis to Shave His Head for Cancer Awareness
- 08/03/07: Bilirakis  
Rail and Public Transport Security Provisions Signed into Law
- 08/01/07: "CHAMP"  
Act Delivers Stinging Blow to Seniors and American Taxpayers

### July 2007

- 07/31/07: House  
Passed Bills Would Improve Veterans Benefits and Quality of Life
- 07/30/07: Bilirakis:  
VA's Suicide Hotline an Important Resource for Distressed Vets
- 07/27/07: Bilirakis  
Scores Legislative Victories in 9/11 Security Bill
- 07/25/07: Bilirakis  
Introduces Resolution to Raise Awareness of Securing America's Waterways
- 07/20/07: Bilirakis  
Commemorates the 33rd Anniversary of the Turkish Invasion of Cyprus
- 07/19/07: Bilirakis  
Calls Delayed Medicare Refunds Owed to Many of His Constituents  
'Unacceptable'
- 07/17/07: Bilirakis:  
Intel Report Is a Strong Reminder of the Terrorist Threat We Face
- 07/11/07: Bilirakis  
Presses Homeland and State Department Officials Over Passport Backlog

### June 2007

- 06/28/07: Bilirakis  
Hails Failure of Senate Amnesty Immigration Measure
- 06/27/07: Bilirakis  
Stresses Importance of Educating Veterans about Benefits and Services
- 06/11/07: UPDATED:  
Bilirakis Announces Veterans Advocate Tony Orlando to Attend the July 1st  
Veterans' Resource Fair
- 06/11/07: Rep.

## Bilirakis Expresses Concern with Passport Backlog

- 06/06/07: Bilirakis  
Grills DHS Officials on Tuberculosis Security Breach

## May 2007

- 05/31/07: Bilirakis  
Presents Congressional Award to Hillsborough Resident
- 05/25/07: In  
Observance of Memorial Day Rep. Bilirakis Remembers Our Nation's Fallen Heroes
- 05/25/07: Bilirakis  
Gets Assurances on the Level of Florida's Hurricane Readiness
- 05/24/07: Rep.  
Bilirakis Mobile Biometric Screening Bill Would Strengthen America's Maritime Security
- 05/22/07: Bilirakis  
Legislation Examines Zero Co-payment for Military Mail-Order Prescription Drug Benefit
- 05/18/07: Bilirakis  
Supports Defense Bill with Important Provisions for Troops & Veterans
- 05/16/07: Bilirakis  
Enrolls in National Marrow Donor Program
- 05/15/07: Bilirakis  
Introduces Bill to Encourage Gulf Coast States to Coordinate, Prepare, and Respond to Disasters.
- 05/15/07: Rep.  
Bilirakis Talks Hurricane Readiness with State & Federal Emergency Management Officials
- 05/11/07: House  
Republicans Appoint Bilirakis to Foreign Affairs Committee
- 05/10/07: Rep.  
Bilirakis Supports Passage of DHS Authorization Bill

## April 2007

- 04/27/07: Rep.  
Gus Bilirakis Urges Swift Passage of Bill to Regulate Ammonium Nitrate  
Congressman supports legislation to help protect the United States
- 04/26/07: Rep.  
Gus Bilirakis Introduces Legislation to Help Close Military "Pay Gap"  
Congressman's bill would ensure a 3.5% minimum pay increase for service members

- 04/24/07: Rep.  
Gus Bilirakis Urges Congress to Pass Legislation to Help Americans with Paralysis Congressman speaks at rally for education and advocacy for persons with mobility impairment
- 04/24/07: Rep.  
Gus Bilirakis Announces Tampa Port Director to Testify in Front of Homeland Security Subcommittee Richard Wainio to testify on port security
- 04/23/07: Rep.  
Gus Bilirakis Notes the Importance of Arts in Education Congressman supports teaching music and other arts in schools
- 04/23/07: Rep.  
Gus Bilirakis Asks Congress to Pass Legislation Addressing Insurance Crisis Congressman makes speech on House floor urging Congressional Leaders to help his constituents
- 04/19/07: Rep.  
Gus Bilirakis Introduces Bill to Expand Access to Health Care HEAR Act will allow Medicare to cover hearing aids
- 04/17/07: Rep.  
Gus Bilirakis Sworn in as Member of United States Supreme Court Bar Congressman granted authority to argue in front of nation's highest court
- 04/17/07: Rep.  
Gus Bilirakis Recognizes the 85th Anniversary of AHEPA
- 04/16/07: Rep.  
Gus Bilirakis Expresses Condolences in Virginia Tech Shootings Congressman's Thoughts and Prayers are with those impacted in this tragedy
- 04/13/07: Bilirakis  
Touts Accomplishments 101 accomplishments during the first 100 days
- 04/04/07: Rep.  
Gus Bilirakis Announces Grant Notification for Firefighters Assistance to Firefighter Grants Program Award Application now available
- 04/03/07: Rep.  
Gus Bilirakis Accepting Applications for Service Academy Nominations Nominations through Bilirakis office available to residents of the Ninth District
- 04/03/07: Rep.  
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#### March 2007

- 03/29/07: Bilirakis  
Ombudsman Amendment Passed by the House Modified version of H.R. 1580 agreed to by voice vote
- 03/28/07: Rep.  
Gus Bilirakis Lauds Passage of Bi-Partisan Rail Security Legislation Security legislation includes two provisions introduced by Bilirakis
- 03/26/07: Rep.

Gus Bilirakis Holding Community Outreach Hours at Local Library  
Congressman's staff will be available at Hudson Library

- 03/22/07: Rep.

Gus Bilirakis Named Chairman of Veterans' Affairs Task Force for Republican Policy Committee  
Congressman will spearhead Policy Committee efforts on veterans' issues

- 03/1/07: Rep.

Gus Bilirakis Introduces Bill to Improve POW Disability Compensation  
Legislation would add additional medical conditions that are eligible for disability compensation

## February 2007

- 02/15/07: Congressman

Gus Bilirakis Announced Another Federal Defense Contract for Florida's Ninth District  
Contract awarded to Clearwater Boeing facility

- 02/12/07: Rep.

Gus Bilirakis Introduces Two Bills to Provide Incentives for Business to Hire Reservists  
Legislation provides tax breaks for time lost due to service

- 02/09/07: Rep.

Gus Bilirakis Introduces Tax Legislation Helping Floridians Better Prepare for Natural Disasters  
Tax credits will be targeted to upgrade homes and business facilities

- 02/06/07: Congressman

Gus Bilirakis Announces a \$5 Million Federal Defense Contract for Florida's Ninth District  
Contract awarded to Oldsmar Lockheed Martin facility

- 02/05/07: Rep.

Gus Bilirakis Introduces Legislation to Ease Financial Burdens on Widows of Armed Service Veterans  
Legislation allows widows to remarry without financial penalty

- 02/01/07: Rep.

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- 01/17/07: Congressman  
Gus Bilirakis Supports Legislation to Reduce Student Loan Interest Rates  
Congressman votes in favor of legislation to cut student loan interest rates in half
  
- 01/17/07: Rep.  
Gus Bilirakis Announces Homeland Security Subcommittee Assignments Congressman secures seats on the Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism and the Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection Subcommittees
  
- 01/09/07: Rep.  
Gus Bilirakis Announces New Staff Additions Five new staffers join D.C. Office
  
- 01/05/07: Rep.  
Gus Bilirakis Urges Congress to Fairly Compensate Wounded Veterans Congressman's two pieces of legislation removes inequity in retirement benefits
  
- 01/05/07: Gus  
Bilirakis Takes Congressional Oath-of-Office Congressman named assistant Whip by House Leadership