



## *Rep. Ron Klein (FL-22)*

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In 2006, Ron Klein defeated 13 term incumbent Clay Shaw by a margin of 52% to 48% in one of most hotly contested races in the country. Congressman Ron Klein, who represents Florida's 22nd Congressional District, was sworn into the United States Congress on January 4th, 2007. An experienced leader with a solid record of service, Ron looks forward to working in a bipartisan manner to find common sense solutions that will improve the lives of Florida families in Congress.

Prior to his election to the United States House of Representatives, Congressman Klein served as a Florida State Senator. Ron's hard work and dedication earned him the position of Minority Whip and eventually Senate Democratic Leader.

During the first 100 hours of Congress, Ron and his colleagues hit the ground running, passing legislation to implement the recommendations of the 9-11 Commission, increase funding for stem cell research, allow the government to negotiate for lower drug prices, slash interest rates for student loans, increase the minimum wage, and expand research into alternative fuel sources.

Ron has fought for meaningful homeowner's insurance reform as a senator in the state legislature and intends to continue that fight in Congress. As a Member of the Financial Services Committee, which has jurisdiction over the insurance sector, Ron was asked by Chairman Barney Frank to lead the insurance reform effort in Congress. He also serves on three Financial Services subcommittees: the Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit subcommittee, which has oversight over the insurance industry; the Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises Subcommittee, which has oversight over the banking industry; and the Oversight Committee.

Ron is also a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, where he looks forward to promoting our national security by decreasing our dependence on foreign oil, assessing our Middle East policies, fighting for accountability in Iraq and promoting a responsible foreign policy based on cooperation with our international allies. He was recently appointed to serve as Vice Chair of the Middle East Subcommittee; he also sits on the subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, and serves on the subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade.

Congressman Klien attended Ohio State University. In 1979, he graduated and was admitted to Case Western Reserve University Law School, where he received his Juris Doctor in 1982. Ron married the former Dori Dragin in 1982, and together they moved to Boca Raton, Florida in 1985, where he continued practicing law and involving himself in various community service activities. They have two children: Brian 21, and Lauren 18.