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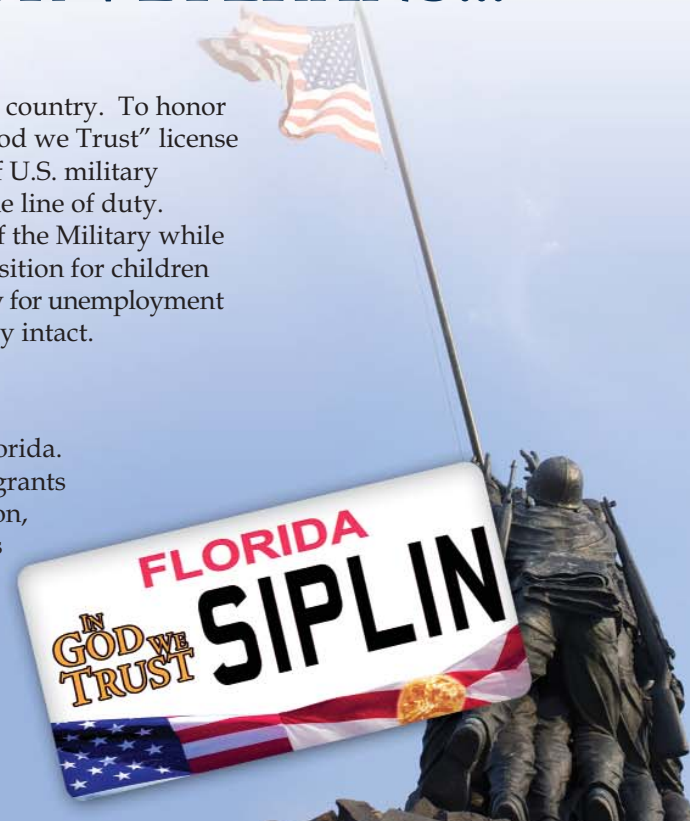
SENATOR SIPLIN SUPPORTS THE TROOPS, THEIR FAMILIES AND OUR VETERANS...

Honoring and Aiding our Troops

Senator Gary Siplin is grateful for the service that you give to our country. To honor your service, Senator Siplin filed for legislation to create an "In God we Trust" license plate. This \$25 license plate will fund scholarships for children of U.S. military personnel and other public safety employees who have died in the line of duty. Senator Siplin is working hard to pass bills that aid the families of the Military while members are away. The measures will provide for a smooth transition for children of military families coming into Florida's education system and allow for unemployment compensation for military spouses who relocate to keep the family intact.

Assisting our Veterans

Senator Siplin has also held workshops for veterans of Central Florida. This workshop helped veterans with VA Loans, VA educational grants and scholarships as well as health care, to name a few. In addition, Senator Siplin supported a bill that assists Veterans with business and other economic opportunities. Senator Siplin believes that our service men and women should be rewarded for their service to this country.



Senator Siplin will continue to work hard on the issues that affect District 19.

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SENATOR SIPLIN FIGHTS FOR HEALTH CARE

Supporting Central Florida's Children, Seniors and Families

Senator Siplin is fighting to bring affordable, low-cost health insurance for the insured as well as uninsured children of Central Florida. Senator Siplin introduced legislation that seeks to provide Health Care services for all children of the State of Florida without cost to his or her family. A disproportionate amount of these uninsured children are African-American and Hispanic-American children. As your Senator, he will continue to fight for this issue so that all children of Florida can receive adequate health care services. Senator Siplin is fighting to reduce the cost of prescription drugs, keeping basic phone service discounts and providing critical health care funding for our Seniors.

The Medically Needy

The Medically Needy program was conceived to help the sickest of Florida residents who make too much to qualify for full Medicaid benefits, but make too little to buy health insurance on their own. Many in the program had or have full time jobs, but they also have families to support and typically astronomical medical bills which would go unpaid without this program. Even though Senator Siplin fought side by side with the Democrats to have the budget provide full benefits for individuals in the Medically Needy program, because of the Republican's actions on July 1, 2005, these individuals will no longer be covered for services like hospitalizations. The only coverage they will receive is for prescription drugs. For many individuals in this program, prescriptions drugs alone will not help them to survive. Senator Siplin will continue to fight to help those who need it.

CONTACT SENATOR SIPLIN TO THANK HIM FOR HIS SERVICE.

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SENATOR SIPLIN ON EDUCATION AND OUR YOUTH

Youth Enrichment Programs

Senator Siplin was instrumental in bringing over \$38 million in extra programs for Orange and Osceola Counties to aid in enrichment programs for our youth. He delivered \$1 million to Central Florida for the POPS program, a program he started, which now provides teens in our community with year-round internships, valuable employment and self-enrichment opportunities. Senator Siplin also helped secure millions for our local Boys and Girls Clubs.

Corporate Income Tax Credit Scholarship

Senator Siplin has supported the Corporate Income Tax Credit Scholarship that provides scholarships to students in foster care and other designated scholarship programs. Some children have not been given opportunities to advance. Senator Siplin believes this bill will help students who need financial help the most, receive the necessary funding.

Multiple Birth Legislation

Senator Siplin has filed legislation that allows multiple birth siblings, such as twins, triplets, and other siblings resulting from multiple births to give parents the right to choose if the siblings should stay in the same class or not.

Nutritious Food for Youth

He has also filed legislation that will require schools to use fresh food to feed children in the public school system. This measure will boost our economy because the food will be bought locally. This will also promote a healthier lifestyle for our children. With obesity in children at an all-time high, the time is now to be proactive about our children's health.

SENATOR SIPLIN IS HELPING FLORIDA'S ECONOMY

Professional Opportunities Program for Students

The Economy is an issue that is affecting all of us. That is why Senator Siplin has worked hard to secure funds for the POPS program. The Professional Opportunities Program for Students, POPS program is a program, which he created, that employs teens during the summer with internships at \$10 an hour. One million dollars has been allocated to this program for the summer of 2008.

Telephone Savings Program

Senator Siplin has also filed legislation to help people with the cost of their phone service. The telephone savings program gives assistance to people that reduces the cost of their phone service. For more information about the program, please call 1-800-540-7039.

The Foreclosure Crisis

Senator Siplin took on unscrupulous banks to make sure everyone, regardless of race or ethnicity, received fair loans. He understands that homeowners are facing a crisis which is why he sponsored legislation to combat foreclosure problems in Central Florida. Senator Siplin has fought against the foreclosure crisis here in Florida by co-sponsoring legislation that combats the effects of foreclosures. He has also provided workshops that have educated residents of District 19 about Predatory Lending Practices.

Community Reinvestment Plan

Senator Siplin has also supported the a Community Reinvestment plan. This plan assists businesses in making an investment back into our community. This measure rewards businesses for making an investment in our community.

SENATOR SIPLIN HONORS OUR HERITAGES

Robert Guevera Memorial Highway Road Designation

Senator Siplin sponsored legislation to designate Hwy 441 (Orange Blossom Trail) from the Orange County line to Osceola Parkway as Robert Guevera Memorial Highway; in recognition of his service as the first elected Hispanic Commissioner in Osceola County.

Three Kings Day Holiday

Senator Siplin also filed a bill to have January 6th declared annually as Three Kings Day, an all important Hispanic Holiday which commemorates the Three Wise Men who followed the star to Bethlehem. This allows children to participate in an important cultural activity without being penalized for missing a day from school.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive

In 2003, Senator Gary Siplin sponsored the bill passed by the legislature to designate SR 50 from the western boundary of the City of Ocoee to the corner of SR 436 and Colonial as Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Drive. The unveiling of the sign was held on June 17, 2004 in Ocoee. Martin L. King III was present for the historical ceremony along with many city, county, and state dignitaries.



Funds Senator Gary Siplin has worked to allocate to Orange & Osceola Counties in 2008 General Appropriations Act

ORANGE COUNTY

DOT Work Projects	\$164,960,187
Parramore Central Park - Orlando.....	\$200,000
Pine Hills Park - Orlando	\$200,000
School District Workforce Performance	\$526,033
School District Adults - Workforce Dev.....	\$33,122,192
University of Central Florida	\$332,987,899
UCF Medical School	\$9,173,004

OSCEOLA COUNTY

Valencia Community College	\$1,066,277
DOT Work Projects ..	\$6,863,010
Valencia Community College	\$1,066,277
Hickory Tree	\$135,199
Holopaw Community Park	\$135,199
Kissimmee Park.....	\$200,000
School District Workforce Performance	\$85,468
School District Adults - Workforce Dev.	\$4,566,436
School District Adults - Workforce Dev.	\$38,306

