

## Florida's Mahoney Ranked Most Effective New Congressman

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(Washington, D.C.) - Congressman Tim Mahoney (FL-16) has been recognized by Congress.org as the most effective and powerful new Member of Congress because of his successful record advancing legislating on homeowners insurance, senior housing, biofuels and Everglades Restoration.

In addition, recognizing his independent stance on key issues, The National Journal, a respected non-partisan news journal that covers Congress, named Mahoney "Man in the Middle." After analyzing 107 votes on key issues like immigration, fiscal and tax policy, the war and foreign policy, The National Journal found that Mahoney's record placed him dead square in the middle of all his colleagues, with half voting to his left and the other half voting with the right.

Mahoney's good friend and colleague Rep. Allen Boyd, Chairman of the Congressional Blue Dog Caucus, said, "Bringing his centrist sensibilities and expertise in business to Washington, Tim has been a strong voice amongst the Blue Dogs and a rising star in this Congress," said Congressman Allen Boyd (D-FL). "Whether it's creating a national disaster fund or fighting for the Everglades, Tim has been willing to work across the aisle to get things done, and as a result, he's been a real champion for the interests of his constituents and for the state of Florida."

"I don't I don't think it is a coincidence that I got these kinds of rankings since I spend my time and effort on being effective for the people of my district without regard for partisan politics," Mahoney said. "I approach Congress from the perspective of a businessman. I am not interested in rhetoric or partisan politics. I am only interested in what can we do today to make things better for my constituents."

"I had to hit the ground running due to the economic crisis facing Florida. The policies of the Jeb and George Bush Administrations have resulted in a drop in average family income while gas, food, medical, housing, homeowners insurance and property tax costs have skyrocketed," said Mahoney. "I don't have the luxury of being a partisan. This is about securing our children's ability to live their American Dreams here in Florida. Time is running out for seniors and working families."

The National Journal noted how Mahoney's votes in favor of increasing the minimum wage, embryonic-stem-cell research, and troop redeployment in Iraq were balanced by votes to eliminate the alternative minimum tax, being tough on illegal immigration, funding for the troops and missile defense.

"Politicians that call me a liberal are grasping at straws. I am a conservative Democrat which makes me a common sense moderate. The nation has seen what a generation of partisan &lsquo;conservative' Republican leadership has done for our nation," Mahoney said. "I don't care which party sponsors a bill, I just try to do the right thing for the people of Florida's 16th District and that philosophy put me right dead in the middle of the current United States Congress."

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