August 31, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi,

I hereby resign my office as the Representative for Florida’s 13th Congressional District, effective today, Wednesday, August 31, 2022. I have also attached my official resignation letter that has been transmitted to the Governor of Florida. It has been an honor and privilege to represent my childhood home of Pinellas County, Florida.

I have always made it my top priority to improve the lives of my bosses – the residents of Florida’s 13th Congressional District. This has been reflected in my legislative priorities, some of which, through your leadership, I am proud to have seen become law and already positively impact the American people. This includes laws that have:

1. Expanded and enhanced Veteran Treatment Courts to get Veterans who find themselves in the criminal justice system into treatment instead of jail time;
2. Created an Interagency Spam Calls Task Force to crack down on illegal phishing and scam calls;
3. Extended the Solar Tax Credit for 10 years so that residents of the Sunshine State can better afford to put solar on their roofs;
4. Protected Coast Guard retiree pay in the event of a future government shutdown; and,
5. Made survivors of domestic violence eligible for waived costs when replacing critical documents that are lost while escaping an abuser, such as social security cards, driver’s licenses, and birth certificates.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I have focused heavily on getting resources and funding directly to the community I represent, securing millions in Community Project Funding for local governments and non-profit organizations. My office has also worked tirelessly to restore earned benefits and resources back to Pinellas residents, helping return over $11 million to the people of FL-13, including over $3 million in Veterans’ benefits.

I sincerely thank every person who has helped me serve my neighbors since I was first sworn-in in January 2017, including community leaders, local elected officials, my colleagues in the Florida Delegation, fellow Members of my Committees, Majority Whip Clyburn, Majority Leader Hoyer, and you, Madam Speaker.
During my time in Congress, I have made a point to treat all people with respect, even if we may disagree, while also standing up for my constituents and being their voice in Washington.

Devotion to service, listening before speaking, treating others how you want to be treated – these are all things this country and this world need more of, now more than ever. Thank you, and God Bless.

Sincerely,

Charlie Crist
UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN