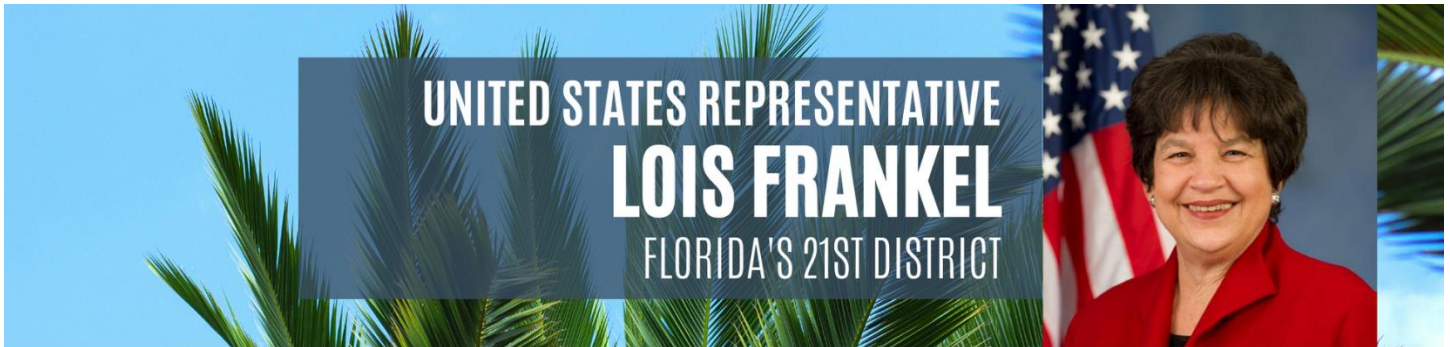


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# Frankly Speaking...



## Happy & Healthy New Year

As we now begin to settle in with a New Year, I wanted to not only wish you all a Healthy and Happy 2020 but also remind you that I and my staff stand ready to help you with problems you may have with a federal agency, as well as other services. I am honored to be your Representative and thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

## Rep. Frankel Highlights Major Wins for South Florida, American Families in 2020 Funding Bills

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, Rep. Frankel advocated for an array of programs that were included in the final legislation. The bipartisan deal includes robust funding for hard-working families through early learning programs, medical research and veteran's education. The funding also makes smart investments in our country's infrastructure, including restoration of Florida's Everglades to keep the drinking water for over eight million residents and millions of visitors clean and safe.



Rep. Frankel highlights bipartisan 2020 Funding Bill



Rep. Frankel kicking off Olympic Heights' annual Girl Engineers of Tomorrow (GET) Day

## Rep. Frankel Speaks at Student Event Empowering Young Women in STEM

Rep. Frankel kicked off Olympic Heights' annual Girl Engineers of Tomorrow (GET) Day. Hosted by Ms. Nimmi Arunachalam and Olympic Heights Engineering Academy, GET Day strives to empower middle school girls to thrive in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) driven career paths. Students participated in engineering challenges and heard from women in the STEM field.

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## **Rep. Frankel's Office Hosts APP Challenge**

The Congressional App Challenge's mission is to inspire, include and innovate efforts around STEM, coding, and computer science education. This year, in Florida's 21<sup>st</sup> Congressional District there were 15 great app submissions with 49 students competing. Judges with expertise in the STEM field from Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections and American Express served on the selection panel. This year's winners were inspired to create an app, Smiles Exchanged Anonymously, that allows people to text each other if they are in need of emotional support, or just need someone to talk to. The winning team from Olympic Heights Community High consists of Joseph DeMartini, Brianna Latine, Ethen Barco and Zavion Torres. They will also be invited to the #HouseofCode reception in Washington, DC to demo their app on Capitol Hill in Spring 2020.



2019 Congressional App Challenge Winners  
Joseph DeMartini, Brianna Latine, Ethen Barco and Zavion Torres

## **Rep. Frankel Hosted Telephone Town Hall**

Rep. Frankel held an end of year telephone town hall and heard from constituents as well as discussed actions the U.S. House has taken this year to fight For the People. Participants had the opportunity to ask questions and express opinions on important issues. In addition to in person town halls throughout the year, this call gave constituents the opportunity to interact with Rep. Frankel from their phones, providing flexibility and ease. The call was also streamed live with captions.

## **Democratic Women's Caucus Hosted End of Year Briefing Recapping House Efforts to Support Women and Families**

Democratic Women's Caucus (DWC) led by Co-Chairs Lois Frankel (FL-21), Brenda Lawrence (MI-14) and Jackie Speier (CA-14) introduces an agenda that includes legislation to promote economic opportunity, safety and freedom from violence, access to health care and reproductive freedom, support for service members and veterans and women's global empowerment. The agenda contains groundbreaking legislation the House passed to improve the lives of women and families, including the Paycheck Fairness Act and Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act. The House has sent Senator McConnell more than 275 bipartisan bills, all of which are still awaiting action in the U.S. Senate.

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