Lois J. Frankel

Democratic Leader
Florida House of Representatives

Described in Florida Trend Magazine as "Big, bad, brave, and bold," Representative Lois Frankel is the Democratic Minority Leader in the Florida House of Representatives. She is the first Democratic woman so designated by her colleagues in Florida's history. Frankel became known to the nation for her rational voice during the 2000 presidential recount.

Lois Frankel was first elected to the Florida legislature in 1986 and is now serving her seventh term. While in the legislature, Representative Frankel has earned a reputation for being outspoken, independent and a voice for working families.

Leader Frankel is considered a passionate and energetic champion for Florida's children and seniors. She has led efforts to cut class sizes, reduce family violence, raise child-care standards, and tackle the tobacco industry's targeting of minors. She has fought hard to protect nursing home patient's rights and require HMO accountability.

On a personal note, Lois Frankel was born in New York and moved to Florida in 1974 after graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Boston University and earning a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. She is the mother of son Benjamin, a second Lieutenant in the United States Marines. Frankel proudly serves as a mentor to twelve-year-old Camelia through the Take Stock in Children Program. In her spare moments she is an avid painter.

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