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Dear Michael,

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### Lilly Ledbetter is Coming to Florida to Campaign with us



Lilly Ledbetter, the pioneer of equal pay for women and namesake of the [Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009](#), is coming to Florida to campaign with me February 18th-20th. Both Lilly and I would love to spend some time with you during her visit to Florida. [Email us](#) to get more information about these events.

*P.S. - John Mica voted against the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. Does that mean that he doesn't believe in equal pay for women? I'm betting that Lilly will have something to say about this, so don't miss the fun and come join us at one of the events.*

### ENDORSEMENT NEWS

#### **Firefighters Join Team Beaven**

I am honored and excited to announce that I have earned the endorsement of the International Association of Firefighters. As a former volunteer firefighter, this endorsement means the world to me. I know first-hand that firefighters willfully run into harms-way at the same moment most run away from it. This endorsement adds to our growing list of endorsers including: the Women Under Forty PAC, the Womens Campaign Forum and the Fraternal Order of Police.

**WE'RE #1 ...**

## ***in unemployment in Flagler County***

### **December 2009 Unemployment Stats (Statewide Average is 11.8%)**

**Flagler 16.9%**  
**Orange 11.8%**  
**Putnam 12.9%**  
**St. Johns 9.6%**  
**Seminole 10.9%**  
**Volusia 12.5%**

Of the 6 counties in this congressional district, only 2 are below the horrifically high statewide unemployment rate. Unfortunately, Flagler County has the highest unemployment rate of any county in Florida. This begs the question: what the hell is Mica up to in Washington?

What's more is **that the unemployment rate for our recently discharged veterans is 18%**. Last quarter, taxpayers paid \$186 million for Veterans' unemployment benefits. That is 70% higher than in 2008. On average our returning veterans are looking for employment for a year after returning to civilian life. Why? *Well, the Congress hasn't bothered to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act even though they were responsible for doing just that in 2005...and every year since.*

Enough is enough Mica! We're ready for a 21st century approach to job creation, not another do-nothing congressman who willingly goes along in Washington to get along. That's why I'll work to create the jobs and opportunities of the future and I'll proudly support re- authorization of the Workforce Investment Act!

### **Looking for Work? Try Our Video Resume Page**

Have you uploaded your video resume yet? If you need a job in North or Central Florida check out <http://www.youtube.com/seven4beaven>. Simply create a 60-second video introducing yourself to potential employers, [send us the link](#), and we'll post it to our channel. We will be encouraging North and Central Florida businesses to check out all of our video resumes, so make your best pitch and upload your 60 second video today!

This week's feature resume is posted by Grace Karabassis of Stetson University. If you have a family member or friend looking for work and think they might be interested in posting their online resume, [send us an email](#) so we may follow up with them.

### **Fundraising for Florida's 7th**

Are you ready to dump John Mica yet so we can get Florida back on track? Then join us today by contributing \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250 or more online today by [clicking here!](#)

Sincerely,



Democratic Candidate for Congress  
Florida's 7th District

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### **ABOUT HEATHER BEAVEN**

Heather is a Mom, Wife, Navy Veteran (who served during Operation Desert Storm) and CEO of The Foundation for Florida's Graduates. The Foundation focuses on bringing education, workforce development and economic development together to help young people better themselves through education and personal responsibility.

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