

other half as a medical receptionist.
 "He owns several hundred acres of citrus, and at home, even with dress pants, he usually wears black work boots. But not here in Tallahassee."

KENNETH ROBERSON, Republican, District 71: parts of Lee, Charlotte and Sarasota Counties.
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Neither Rep. Roberson or anyone from his offices in Tallahassee or Punta Charlotte returned telephone calls by press time. This information comes from his state government Web site.

Born in Bradenton, Rep. Roberson is a long-time funeral director and the father of two children and six grandchildren.

Elected to the House for the first time and about to begin his first session, he comes with memberships in an Elks Lodge, the National Rifle Association, and the National Funeral Directors Association, the Charlotte County Cultural Center and the Port Charlotte Rotary Club, among others. He is also a master mason in Punta Gorda Lodge No. 115 F&AM.

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Born in Pensacola and a lover of fishing, horseback riding and hunting, Rep. Thompson is married to Chene Thompson. The couple lives in Fort Myers.

He holds an undergraduate degree from Washington & Lee University, and a law degree from Nova Southeastern University.

He's a member of a legal services team for the Department of Children & Families, he serves on the Department of Corrections policy council, and he's a member of the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club.

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Sheri Altstatt-Davie, legislative assistant:

"This is a busy time for her. This week they'll be voting on the budget and next week is a committee week — the bills start to get vetted, there are presentations, the agencies come in and present what the priorities are. So for January we're up these two weeks, in February we're up for three weeks, and then the session starts on March 3.

"What I like about her, and I've been with her since the beginning, is her commitment to serving. She's a doer, and she'll be the first person to say to people in Tallahassee, 'If you want politics, go to someone else, and if you want good legislation, come to me.' She's candid, honest and upfront with what her intentions are.

"They have a members' lounge that has food when they're in session. But it tends to be a lot of Southern food. She tends to eat healthier food, so she'll come back from the lounge with what I call rabbit food, a bowl Thai or something Asian.

"She is the best cook I've ever met. She has a house here that she shares with her daughter, who's pursuing her master's degree at Florida State. She can put together the most amazing salad — incredible. Every time I've eaten over there, the food is extraordinary. She likes to cook.

"One of our jobs as legislative assistants is to make sure they maintain a well-balanced life. There are certain things people need to be productive. She goes to the gym, plays tennis, and does those things in the morning, so there are no appointments scheduled until a certain time.

"And when she's not reading required materials, she has books on tape (for her car) and on her I-Pod, on quantum physics. That's right, quantum physics. If she says, 'Do you want to ride together to Tallahassee?' you might say, 'Uhhmm...'

"Also, every Wednesday morning there are prayer meetings at 7 a.m., and she's there.

"Up here, she's respected because she doesn't say something unless she has something to say. That's not her speed. But when she speaks, she knows what she's talking about. She's quite the intellectual." ■



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