## Mom and son keep Moffitt name a county mainstay

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involved," said David, who is an attorney. Before he was elected, David already had a grasp of enduring county issues such as trans-portation, the rivalry between developed versus undeveloped regions and the relationship of commissioners and the county "eventive

regions and the county executive. Of course, Lillian served when Dan. Murphy was county execu-tive. Most of David's 14 years has been spent with L. Brooks Patterson at the helm. Mom's and son's political styles are similar, both said. "We were both strong advo-cates but deliberate and thor-bugh." David said. "Both of us would want to study the issues-thoroughly and offer all sides an apportunity to contribute." Mon agreed.

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GOP happenings. "I told him he'd have to run in a rogular primary and let the people decide," and Lillian from her Florida home. While she's provided valuable. insight, Lillian said she only offered her input on one particu-lar issue. The matter involved instituting automatic step pay incroases - opposed to merit raises - for some county employ-ces.

Lillian was dead set against the measure, which still passed with Democratic support. David "no."

vated "no." As for her son's longevity as a county commissioner, Lillian sees that as a testament to his

service. "I'm proud of what he's doing," Lillian said. "I think he is doing an excellent job as a commission-

er." Mother's kudos aside, Moffit's oppo-nent is not phased about running against such a well-known name. "I'm finding it

David Mofflit known name. "I'm finding it doesn't havo the other offices; county commission is kind of low on the totem pole," Ryan Gesund said. "I don't know if it's Moffit's fault or it's coun-tywide. It just seems that name recognition is not as important." Besides, the Democrat has found a way to skirt Moffit's name recognition. "When I go door to door, I just say, 'My Republican opponent."

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