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We were certainly surprised to see Misty Minton's column, ("Don't let interloper buy Treasure Coast's seat in Congress," Feb. 8). Do you know Allen West is not a career politician as many in Washington are? Did you know he put his life on the line for our country in Iraq and Afghanistan?

He stands strong for the values of our founding fathers and realizes this is being lost — we are in moral and financial decline.

He is not an interloper as Minton stated; he took advantage of an opening when our current representative, Tom Rooney, moved to a newly created district.

You may not like West's brusque manner — very much a military man, but he is a true American patriot.

I have saved all his new letters for my grandchildren to read.

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