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Gov. Ron DeSantis speaks during a Freedom Blueprint event in Des Moines, Iowa

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis speaks Friday at a Freedom Blueprint event in Des Moines, Iowa.

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Then-Rep. Ron DeSantis leaves the Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Then-Rep. Ron DeSantis didn't make many friends on Capitol Hill, former colleagues say.

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Then-Rep. Ron DeSantis listens as Rep. Doug Collins speaking during a House Judiciary Committee hearing in Washington, D.C.

DeSantis listens at a House Judiciary Committee hearing in 2013.

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Then-President Donald Trump shakes hands with then-Rep. Ron DeSantis at a campaign rally in Tampa, Fla.

President Donald Trump shakes hands with DeSantis in 2018.

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