

Assemblyman Adam J. Taliaferro Third Legislative District

Assemblyman Adam J. Taliaferro was sworn into office in January of 2015 and represents the 3rd Legislative District in Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland Counties. Since 2018, he has served as Deputy Majority Leader in the Assembly.

The Assemblyman serves as Chair of the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee where he is the leading voice for legislation concerning police, fire, and emergency management services, public safety regulations, criminalization of activities, and legal ramifications of crimes.

In addition, he serves as Vice Chair of the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, assuming an active role in protecting New Jersey farmers by promoting Jersey Fresh products and growth opportunities for the agricultural industry. He recently authored a law that establishes the last week in July of each year as “Buy Local Week,” to encourage New Jersey residents to support both local businesses and the farm industry in the state.

Taliaferro is the founding board member of the Adam Taliaferro Foundation, which provides emotional, financial and educational support to student-athletes who suffer catastrophic head or spinal injuries.

A former Penn State University football player who suffered a spinal-cord injury after tackling an opponent headfirst during his freshman year, Taliaferro was told that he had only a small chance of ever walking again due to the injury. However, he was able to overcome his paralysis and walked out of Magee Rehabilitation Hospital in just four months. He graduated from Penn State, on time in 2005, and is a 2008 graduate of Rutgers School of Law – Camden. He served on the Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders from 2011 through 2014.

Taliaferro has received many awards, including the 2009 Philadelphia Sports Writers Humanitarian Award and Bank of America’s Neighborhood Excellence Initiative Award. He was also the honorary chairman for the 2002 Special Olympics Summer Games.

Taliaferro is employed with Bristol Myers Squibb and resides in Woolwich Township with his wife and two children.

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