

Grace O'Donnell, Sheryl Alonso, Carlos Arboleya, Sallie C. Byrd, Gail Ash Dotson, Ellen Siegel, and Margarita Villoch; and the Executive Management: Sally Boggess, Patsy Schmidt-Cozier, Pauline Russell, Lance Balding, Luisa Lander, Julia Onnie-Hay, Eva Berbrick, Ansley Ross, Maria Santos, and Ana Delgado, for being part of this national celebration, and I commend the hard work they put forth to make a long-lasting impact on our community and environment, while cultivating strong values in its members.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 590, to suspend the rules and pass the bill H.R. 6429, the STEM Jobs Act of 2012, my vote didn't register. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

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U.S. SERVICES SECTOR

**HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to the attention of my colleagues an important matter for the U.S. economy: Services. I am pleased that there have been several important discussions this week on the topic of the U.S. services sector. This week the Coalition of Service Industries hosted the Global Services Summit, the Global Services Coalition met, and House Ways and Means held a hearing on the benefits of expanding U.S. services trade through an International Services Agreement.

As co-chair of the Congressional Services Caucus, I hope my colleagues will join me and the 63 members of the caucus as we continue to push for greater awareness of the importance of the services industry to our nation's economic wellbeing. Services make up the majority of the workforce in every congressional district.

Services jobs accounted for over 83 percent of U.S. private sector employment, and U.S. services exports in 2011 reached \$588 billion with a surplus of \$193.5 billion—a new annual record. We have a good story to tell.

Congress must be on the forefront in the effort to break down barriers and increase market access for the services sector. We cannot relent until this sector gets the respect it deserves at the WTO, in bilateral and multilateral agreements and beyond.

I know that in my hometown, New York City, services are the lifeblood of the economy. Services in our city account for the bulk of private sector employment, and financial services are particularly critical. The strength of New York's services industry isn't just a benefit to New York. There is a multiplier effect in the U.S., and globally. We know that other sectors like manufacturing and agriculture benefit when the services industry is strong. We also know that nations with whom we are interdependent benefit when the services industry is strong.

One of the best champions for U.S. services is Bob Vastine. Bob Vastine was president of the Coalition of Service Industries for 16 years. This week marked the passing of the torch from Bob to Peter Algeier who has been a champion for U.S. trade in his own right. Peter and the team at CSI are great partners in the Congressional Services Caucus' mission to raise awareness about the critical issues that impact the services sector.

The work of CSI was on display this week during the Global Services Summit. The entire lineup was on the pulse of the issues we are considering in Congress. TPP, the EU-US high level working group, cross border trade, restrictions on services trade—India—China—all right on the pulse. I commend CSI, the Global Services Coalition, and my colleagues on Ways and Means for making this a great week for U.S. services.

I wish my friend Bob Vastine best of luck in his future endeavors. I'm confident that whatever they may be, they will encompass his passion and commitment to advancing the U.S. services sector and in so doing advance us all. Godspeed.

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IN HONOR OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the City of Brook Park, Ohio, an exemplary community within Northeast Ohio.

Brook Park first became a village in 1914 when residents of the area decided to separate themselves from the Berea school district and politics. The first school in Brook Park was built in 1917. Following World War II, a population boom occurred in the area, increasing the population from 2,600 to 13,000. Brook Park officially became a city in 1950.

Brook Park is the home to several important Cleveland landmarks including the Brook Park Ford Co. Plant, The NASA Glenn Research Center, and the International Exposition Center, which is home to auto shows, home and garden expos and the annual I-X Indoor Amusement Park.

Today, the City of Brook Park is home to nearly 20,000 residents who are led by Mayor Mark Elliot. Mayor Elliot who had previously served as a Councilman, and Athletic Director for the city, has been serving as mayor since 2002. There are eight members on the City Council: Mike Gammella, Michael Lane, Pattie Astorino, Barry Kirksey, Brian Higgins, Carl Burgio, Danny Colonna, Richard Salvatore.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the City of Brook Park and all of its residents.

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RECOGNITION OF THE SUTTER CLUB AND THEIR TRIBUTE TO RONALD REAGAN

**HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Sutter

Club and their upcoming commemoration of Ronald Reagan.

To those unaware of the Sutter Club's history, it is located in the heart of Sacramento, California and is one of the State's oldest social clubs. The club was founded in 1889, roughly forty years after the historic California Gold Rush.

Located less than two blocks from the California State Capitol, nearly every Governor of California has been an honorary member of the club. In addition to California's Governors, many state legislators, mayors and dignitaries are among the Club's roster. This list also includes U.S. Senators Booth, Kuchel, Johnson and Downey as well as U.S. Supreme Court Justices Earl Warren and Anthony M. Kennedy from California.

As someone who had the privilege to know and serve with Ronald Reagan, I am appreciative of the dedication being performed by the Sutter Club. Ronald Reagan served our State and Country with great distinction and he is a source of pride for every Californian. As a club member from 1967 to 1975, then Governor Reagan frequently used the venue for events. Ronald Reagan had a lasting impression on the Club's history and was honored by the Sutter Club each of the eight years of his administration. To this day, club members continue to have a deep and lasting connection to Ronald Reagan, many having served with him as Governor and President.

On November 9, 2012 the Sutter Club will name one of its historic dining rooms the official "Ronald Reagan Room" during a commemoration "State Dinner" at the Club.

It is my distinct pleasure to submit these few words in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to recognize the Sutter Club and their commemoration of a national hero.

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HONORING JOHN E. GILLILAND

**HON. SILVESTRE REYES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the meritorious service of Commander John E. Gilliland, who will retire after twenty-three years of dedication to our Nation.

Commander Gilliland had a long and distinguished career in the United States Navy. Upon graduation from Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, he received his commission in 1990 through the Naval ROTC program. A supply corps officer, he served with great distinction both at sea and ashore. At sea, he served as Disbursing, Material and Food Service Officer on the USS *Jason* (AR 8) and Supply Officer on the USS *Rushmore* (LSD 47). Ashore, he served as a Staff Instructor and Educational Counselor for the Basic Qualification Course at the Navy Supply Corps School and in the Defense Logistics Agency in the Logistics and Operations and Readiness Directorate, as well as the Chief of the Director of DLA's Staff Group.

Commander Gilliland is no stranger to the halls and offices of Capitol Hill, having spent 10 years in Legislative Affairs. His liaison career started in the Navy Legislative Affairs (OLA), office where he served the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives on Navy Acquisition and procurement policy matters.