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**RELEASE: Congressman Salud Carbajal Endorses Former Lt. Commander Gil Cisneros (CA-39)**

*Endorsement Highlights Overwhelming CA Congressional Delegation Support*

**Fullerton, Calif.** – Today, Congressman and Frm. Marine Corps Reservist Salud Carbajal (CA-24) endorsed Frm. Lieutenant Commander Gil Cisneros who is running for Congress in California's 39th Congressional District. Carbajal's endorsement is the ninth Congressional endorsement for Cisneros, who's [impressive list of supporters](#) includes local elected officials, women's rights champion Dolores Huerta, the Giffords Campaign to End Gun Violence, and the national Veterans advocacy organization VoteVets.

**"At a time when families cannot keep up with the rising costs of housing, gas, and education, we need representatives who will put the needs of their community first,"** said

**Carbajal. "When Gil gets to Congress, he will fight to drive down health care costs, invest in job training, and work to expand access to higher education for all. As a veteran myself, I am proud to support former Lieutenant Commander Gil Cisneros for Congress."**

Congressman Salud Carbajal proudly represents the 24th Congressional District of California. The District includes the entirety of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties, and a portion of Ventura County. Prior to representing the Central Coast in Congress, Carbajal served as Santa Barbara County's First District Supervisor for twelve years. Carbajal sits on both the House Committee on Armed Services and the House Committee on the Budget. Carbajal has used his role in the House Committee on Armed Services, to ensure the men and women serving in the military have the resources and support they need. Carbajal served eight years in the United States Marine Corps Reserve, including active duty service during the Gulf War in 1992.

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*Gil Cisneros is a former U.S. Naval Officer and was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal (2), the National Defense Medal, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for his exemplary service to his country. Gil is president and co-founder of The Gilbert & Jacki Cisneros Foundation, an organization committed to improving the level of Hispanic education in the country. Gilbert's dedication toward philanthropy began when he purchased a winning California Mega Millions lottery ticket in 2010. Gil and Jacki partnered with the Hispanic Scholarship Fund and the city of Pico Rivera, California to create Generation First Degree Pico Rivera, with the goal of putting a college degree in every Hispanic household in the city. Gil's commitment to education, led him to be appointed to former First Lady Michelle Obama's Reach Higher Initiative's advisory board and President Obama's Advisory Committee on the Arts for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.*

*California's 39th Congressional District, split between Los Angeles, Orange, and San Bernardino Counties, will be one of the most competitive districts in California. Hillary Clinton won the district by a whopping nine points, the DCCC labeled it a first-round target on its battlefield map and recently, the Cook Political Report changed the district's status from Lean R to Lean D.*

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