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Congressman Steven M. Palazzo's record of service began long before he was first sworn into office on January 5, 2011. A Persian Gulf War veteran and member of the Mississippi National Guard, Steven is proud to represent the fourth congressional district of Mississippi in Congress.

During his first term, Steven was selected to serve on the Majority Whip team as well as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, both rare honors for a freshman member. Palazzo's firsthand experience as a Marine veteran and current-serving member of the Mississippi National Guard also made him a valuable addition to the House Armed Services Committee.

Palazzo has been a consistent advocate for a strong national defense, recognition for veterans and bringing fiscal common-sense back to Washington by supporting balanced budgets and pro-growth policies.

His legislative accomplishments include passage of the RESTORE Act, which will bring hundreds of millions of dollars back to the Gulf Coast for environmental and economic development projects. Palazzo was also responsible for passage of crucial space legislation, the "Space Exploration Sustainability Act." Because of these successes, Steven was also afforded the rare honor of being named to a third committee at the beginning of his second term, the Committee on Homeland Security.

Steven's prior life experience includes working on an oil rig, serving on active duty overseas, and starting and owning his own small business. He also served in the Mississippi House of Representatives from 2006 to 2010. A Gulf Coast native, Steven lives in Biloxi, Mississippi, with his wife, Lisa, and their three children: Barrett, Bennett and Aubrey.