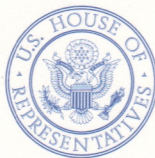


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Greetings,

I am pleased to welcome attendees to the Houston area's first ever Dussehra Mela celebration.

The Indian American community of the Greater Houston area has grown to more than 140,000 people and continues to enrich our region through sharing cultural customs and traditions. Our region gains from the diverse exchange of ideas in education, culture, engineering, health, entrepreneurship and many other fields. This Dussehra Mela celebration is another testament to the great diversity of Texas' 22nd congressional district, whose citizens I am thrilled and privileged to represent.

I hope this great event will be enjoyable for all. I thank the Shri Sita Ram Foundation for their contributions to our community and for bringing this opportunity to the Houston area.

In addition, I would like to thank all of the individuals and organizations who have sponsored today's event and for their efforts in promoting cultural, artistic and religious exchange here in Sugar Land, Texas and across America.

I wish you the best on this occasion and am honored to serve you in the United States House of Representatives.



Very respectfully,

*Pete Olson TX22*

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